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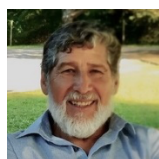
TO: Sean Venables – Editor, *“The VVA Veteran,”*

Priscilla Wiley and Mokie Pratt-Porter

FROM: National Chaplain

DATE: 13 August 2023

RE: **Obituaries for the “TAPS” Column**



RAYMOND “Ramon” “Ray” AMAYA, JR. – Died Wednesday, February 1, 2023 in Fulton, Mississippi at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 7, 1947 in Hollister, California to the late Ramon and Consuelo Amaya. Raymond Amaya was a loving Husband, Father, Brother and Friend. He attended the Hollister public schools and graduated from Hollister High School in 1966. After High School he joined the United States Army and served for 3 years and did 2 tours of duty in Vietnam where he received a Bronze Star for bravery and a Purple Heart for being wounded. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mississippi**. After his honorable discharge, He met the love of his life Mary Alice Quintero. They were married on September 5, 1971 in San Juan Bautista, California, and had 5 beautiful children, together and inseparable for 51 years. He worked at PG & E for 11 years before being called in 1984 to Golden, Mississippi, as they were called of the Lord into the Missionary work, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While in Mississippi Ray started the business, The Finishing Touch where he did painting and handyman work. He retired in 2012 and closed his business to travel and spend time with his family. Raymond Amaya is survived by his loving wife Mary Alice Amaya, daughter Raelene Amaya of Eagle River Alaska, son Ryan Amaya (wife Cassie, son Ryan Jr and daughter Hannah) of Hollister California, son Nathan Amaya (wife Melanie, son Samuel, daughter Sarah and son Levi) of Fulton Mississippi and son David Amaya (wife Priscilla, daughter Ariel and daughter Analiese) of Ogden Utah. Survived by Sisters: Cruz Arballo, Lupe Amaya, Candy Amaya, and Brothers: Ray Avitia, Johnny Amaya, and Bobby Amaya. Numerous Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Jason Amaya of San Mateo, California. Parents: Ramon and Consuelo Amaya, Sisters: Gloria Arballo, Trini Bogart, Tonya Haro,

Nellie Amaya. Brother: Manuel Avitia. Ray enjoyed doing anything and everything he could for anyone. His love for his wife, his family and grandkids were the heartbeat of his life. Colossians 3:23 and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; was what he lived by. Raymond Amaya will be having two services, one in Fulton, Mississippi, and one in Hollister, California. The family celebrated his life in Fulton, Mississippi on Saturday February 11, 2023. The service was held at the McNeece-Morris Funeral Home Chapel (www.mcneecemorrisfuneralhome.com). The family had a viewing from 1:00–2:00 PM followed by the service at 2:00 PM. The family also celebrated his life in Hollister, California on Saturday, February 18, 2023. The service was held at Grunnagle-Ament-Nelson Funeral Home (www.grunnagle.com). The family had a viewing from 12:00 Noon–1:00 PM followed by the service at 1:00 PM followed by a reception at www.painesrestaurant.com for family and friends.

RICHARD EDWARD “Rich” ANDERSON - Died Sunday, February 5, 2023 in Dover, Delaware at the age of 74. He was formerly of Magnolia, Delaware and Bergenfield, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on June 17, 1948 to the late George and Elizabeth Anderson. He was also predeceased by his brothers Robert, Donald, and Russell Anderson. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Arlene; daughter Kristin Anderson; son Scott (Tonia) Anderson and grandsons Benjamin and Sean; sister Elaine Christiansen; and brother Bill (Pat) Anderson. He served in the United States Army from September 13, 1966 to September 12, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Family and friends were invited to visit at Riewerts Memorial Home (Bergenfield) on Thursday February 9th from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM (OES service 7:30 PM and Masonic service at 8:00 PM). A funeral service was held at the Old North Reformed Church (Dumont) on Friday February 10th at 11:00 AM.



STENE ANTHONY ANDERSON - Died Saturday, May 13, 2023 in the Morristown Hamblen Hospital in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 77. He was a resident of Morristown. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born and raised in Caledonia, Minnesota on July 24, 1945. He then joined the United States Navy as a fireman aboard the USN Oriskany Aircraft Carrier, doing two tours in Vietnam before being discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He worked as a truck driver before retiring. Stene loved his Harleys and especially his cherished Corvettes. He was known for his sense of humor and generosity, giving those less fortunate many of his possessions. He is survived by his brother Butch (Debi) Shuda, sisters Connie (George) Mroch, Pat Sanders, Julie (John) Holzwarth, Jane (Tim) Foellmi, Keri (Dan) Becker and Diane Shuda, many aunts and uncles and special cousin Brian Vincent, as well as his good friend Mike Gallagher of Morristown. Memorial services were held on June 19th at 11:00 AM at the Leroy D. Holzwarth Veterans Cemetery in Brownsville, with a lunch following at the Brownsville Community Center. The family would like to thank Hamblen Hospital staff for their kindness and all the visits from his church group, from where he attended and never missed a Sunday service.

THEODORE W. "Ted" ANDERSON, JR. – Died recently in 2023 in Wasilla, Alaska at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 29, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wasilla Chapter #891**.



BISHOP HENRY EDWARD "Hank" BAKER (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Friday, May 19, 2023 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 83. The cause of death was cancer. Hank was born on July 5, 1939 in Missouri, to the late Virginia and Ed Baker. His first wife of 44 years, Patricia Baker and many other family members also preceded him in death. Hank was retired United States Army Veterans who started his career with Basic Training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and he retired as US Army Sergeant First Class from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After his retirement from the Military, he moved his family to Oviedo, Florida in 1976 and then to Tennessee in 1978. Bishop Baker received multiple Bachelor Degrees in Psychology and Theology. He also held a Master of Science Degree in Psychology and a Doctorate in Theology. He loved to camp and actually pulled his own camper until he was 82 years of age. He loved to travel and especially going places to try food. He was an avid gun/rifle collector. Loved to read and spread the Word of God to all who had ears to hear. His final love was working for and with the DAV/Vietnam Veterans of TN. His last assignment for the DAV was the Commander of the DAV of Tennessee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland (Tennessee) Chapter #596**. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Baker (17 years) of Cleveland, TN; his children, Ricky and Heidi Baker and Sheldon and Donna Baker, both of Cleveland, TN; Kristy and Tommy Sheffield of Thomasville, NC; grandchildren, Taylor Baker, Brandie Baker, Amber and Matthew Adkins all of Cleveland, TN; Nikki and Will McKinney, Trevor and Jessie Sheffield all of Thomasville, NC; great-grandkids, Reagan Robertson of Cleveland, TN, Ryleigh and Kinsley McKinney, Atlas, Arison and Alita Sheffield all of Thomasville, NC.; stepchildren, Kendall and Vickie Davis, Brian and Sarah Petty both of Cleveland, TN; stepgrandchildren, Kyra Petty and Deouin and Joseph Rouse and Lebron and Amanda Davis all of Cleveland, TN; and step-great-grandchildren, Megan and Morgan Rouse and Elijah, Logan, and Madison all of Cleveland TN. The Remembrance of Life Service was conducted on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel with Reverends Londa Richardson and Reverends Ron Wright co-officiating. The interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens with Ricky Baker, Sheldon Baker, Tommy Sheffield, Trevor Sheffield, Wayne Walker and Stoney Daniels serving as casket bearers. Military honors were accorded. The family received friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Tuesday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel who was charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with the Baker family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.



MICHAEL G. "Mike" "Pappy" BARANEK - Died Tuesday, June 6, 2023 riding into the sunset at the age of 76. He was a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born on March 1, 1947. Mike was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Peg "Poodi" Baranek (1949-2023). He is survived by their four children (Amy/Mike, MG, Andy and Erin/Dante) and eight grandchildren (Michael, Matthew, Celia, Marc, Tobey, Mia, Giana, and Dante) - all of whom he lived for and cherished with his whole heart. He also survived his sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Bill Lane; his two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert "Pete" and Darlene Baranek, and; John and Anne Baranek. "Bondo" was an original Hoban Knight ('65) and a decorated United States Army Combat Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #857**. He dedicated 31 years to FirstEnergy before starting a small business in Stow. The fortunate many whose lives he touched will grieve the loss of Mike's infinite patience, unparalleled work ethic, meticulous nature, and ability to fix all things mechanical. Those he left behind feel such a loss and would give anything for just a 'scosche' more time. The plan was honor Mike with a full military ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA 12-3).



RONALD W. "Ron" BARCOMB - Died Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, New Hampshire at the age of 74, after a long illness. He was formerly of Manchester, New Hampshire and Goffstown, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Keene, New Hampshire on April 23, 1949 to the late Ronald and Lillian (née Davis) Barcomb. He graduated from Keene High School in 1967 and later earned an associate's degree from Manchester Community College. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971. Ron worked in automotive repair at Sears and later, retail management at Walmart and Off Broadway Shoes. He was an avid fan of the New York Giants, Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox and NASCAR. He enjoyed going to flea markets and yard sales. He was a communicant of Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Manchester and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hillsboro Chapter #992 in Hillsboro** (and previously, VVA – Concord Chapter #41). He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers, Russell Barcomb and Jerry Barcomb. Ron is survived by his wife of 18 years, Eveleen (née Dickerson) (Mayhew) Barcomb of Goffstown; two children, Jeremy Barcomb and Colleen Barcomb; two stepchildren, Melissa Mayhew and Frederick Mayhew II; two grandchildren, Cameron and Colin; five stepgrandchildren, Jenna, Devon, Henry, Hazel and Hannah; one stepgreat-grandchild, Harleigh; a sister, Mary Sargent and a nephew, Robert Sargent. Calling hours were held on Monday, June 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM followed immediately at 6:00 PM by a funeral ceremony, all at Lambert Funeral Home and Crematory, 1799 Elm Street, Manchester. The funeral ceremony was live-streamed and could be

viewed by clicking on the link here: <https://lambert-funeral-home-and-crematory.livecontrol.tv/d441b945>. A cemetery committal service was on Wednesday, June 28th at 12:00 Noon at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. Memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #992, P.O. Box 983, Hillsboro, NH 03244, or at www.vva.org/donate.



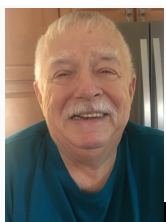
CLARKE C. BARNES (USMC, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, July 6, 2023 at the Hammond Henry Long-Term Care Center-Geneseo, Illinois at the age of 80. He was a resident of Geneseo. The cause of death was unknown. Clarke was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa on October 3, 1942 to the late AnnaMia and Tom Pleasant. He attended school in Iowa City, IA, kindergarten through law school. He liked to say he was a 'Little Hawk' before he became a 'Hawkeye.' His mother raised him and his brother being a seamstress and renting homes. Clarke married Gayle Mincer, the love of his life, on February 3, 1962. He graduated from University of Iowa Law School 1967, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and reported for duty in November 1967. He served a tour in Vietnam followed by an accompanied tour in Iwakuni, Japan, leaving active duty at Great Lakes in 1972, remaining in the Marine Reserves. Clarke reached the rank of Colonel. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1995. After leaving active duty he moved to Rock Island, IL to work as a prosecutor, public defender and opened his own law office. In 1977 he was appointed an Associate Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of Illinois until elected Circuit Judge of Henry County, retiring in 2000, being recalled to Rockford, IL 2008-2009, again retiring. After retirement he became a Veteran Service Officer helping many veterans throughout the United States file their claim for service-related illnesses. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf (Iowa) Chapter #776**. Clarke served as president of Geneseo Rotary in 2014. Clarke taught Sunday School for many years-high school, college, and adult classes. He also thoroughly loved the many years he coached baseball. Clarke loved his family-being with them on vacation, watching his children participate in music and sports and good old family reunions. His most memorable vacation was a month spent with his daughter touring Australia. Clarke had many hobbies, but his most expressed love was his quoting of a little verse- "You are writing a Gospel, a chapter a day; By the things that you do and words that you say. People read what you write, whether faithless or true, so what is the Gospel, according to you?" (The Acts of the disciples are found in 28 chapters written by Dr. Luke). YOU are writing Acts 29 proudly displayed on his license plate. Those left to cherish his memory are wife, Gayle Barnes of Geneseo, children; Patrick (Kimberly) Barnes of Carterville, IL, and Carrie Barnes of Riverside, IA, brother, Raymond Barnes of Kalamazoo, MI, grandchildren; Bryan and Kinley Barnes of Carterville, IL, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and AnnaMia Pleasant. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Grace United Methodist Church, Geneseo with Pastor Dan Seibert officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 AM prior to the service at the church. He was laid to rest at Rock Island National Cemetery on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM. Memorials can be made in his name to: Semper Fi and America's Fund; Illowa Detachment #102 (Scholarship Program); PAWS

for Purple Hearts or Arbor Day Foundation. Condolences can be left at www.vandemorefuneralhome.com.

WAYNE THEODORE BARTCZAK – Died recently in 2023 in Houston, Texas at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 29, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

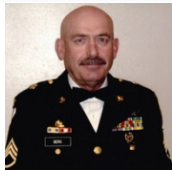


RONALD MILTON "Ron" BATSON - Died Saturday, June 10, 2023 in Mishawaka, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born in South Bend, Indiana on December 16, 1947 as a twin to the late Clifford and Jeannette (née Robinson) Batson. He was also preceded in death by his twin brother, at birth, Donald; his wife of 49 years, Carol (née Wieczorek) Batson, brother, Terry Batson; sisters, Noralee (Ray) Showers; Stella J. Batson; and a nephew, Robert Batson. Left to cherish the memory of Ron are his loving children, Lisa (Jim) Funk, Michael (Jennifer) Rairdon; grandchildren, Samantha (Sammi) and Christian Funk, Lindsay (Ryan) Taylor, Ben and Jake Rairdon; brothers, Allan (Sharon) Batson of Edwardsburg, MI., Bruce Batson of Elkhart, IN.; along with many nieces and nephews. Ron served his country honorably as a United States Army Vietnam Veteran from 1966-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. He served as a deacon at River Park Church of Christ and was the former owner/operator of McKinley Body Shop in Osceola. He retired as a heavy equipment and auto damage appraiser. Ron loved his family dearly. His heart was broken over the loss of his beautiful, loving wife, Carol, 8 weeks prior. He is greatly missed by his family, whom he sacrificed so much for. Friends and family visited from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2023 in Saint Joseph Funeral Home, 824 South Mayflower Road, South Bend, IN where a funeral service began at 6:00 PM. Condolences for Ron may be made at sjfh.net.



DENNIS MALCOLM "Denny" BENNETT - Died Friday, May 5, 2023 peacefully at home in Midland, Michigan at the age of 81, surrounded by family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease. He was born in Akron, Ohio on October 28, 1941 to the late Clifford and Clementine (née Pinkston) Bennett. He married Nedy Elizabeth Carter on June 29, 1978 and they were blessed with 44 years together. Denny served honorably in the United States Navy as a Commander and a Pilot. He was a pilot and was land-based in Vietnam. He was also around fuel pit fires. He flew the OV10 there and was part of Val 4 the Blackponys/first Navy squadron to fly them. Upon returning from Vietnam, he worked for General Motors as an industrial engineer retiring in 2001/2002 respectively. He was a member of Tailhook Association, American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Cumberland (Maryland)**

Chapter #172. Denny enjoyed flying, family activities; camping, fishing and hunting, landscape design, archery and golfing. He designed stained glass until Parkinson's Disease prevented it. Denny was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved life and always stopped to help others in need. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. Denny is survived by his wife, Nedy, children, Melissa (Tom) Murray, Blair (Connie) Bennett, Shauna (John) Bryant, Beth (Rob) Owens, Shelly, (Jon) Wearn, grandchildren, Stephanie (Rob) Sharp, Kristy (Emanuel) Mancini, Melanie Dean, Amelia Bennett, Buck Bennett, Spencer Schaub, Mady Owen, Logan Owen, Omyjah Bryant, Maria (Josh) Thomas and 6 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Wayne (Kerry) Bennett, Jeannette (Angel) Campesino and sister-in-law, Fran (Doug) Carnley. The burial took place at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers friends may send expressions of sympathy to the Marine/Navy Relief Association, USO, Saint Jude's Childrens Hospital or Wounded Warrior Project. Smith-Miner Funeral Home was honored to serve the Bennett family; to share a special memory please visit www.smithminer.com.



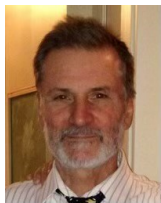
JERRY ALLEN BERG - Died Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Riverview Healthcare Center, Flandreau, South Dakota at the age of 74. He was a resident of Brookings, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milbank, South Dakota on November 21, 1948 to the late Stanley and Cecilia (née Boyle) Berg. He grew up in Stockholm, South Dakota with four other siblings - Mike, Bonnie, Jim and Casey (David). Jerry attended elementary school in Stockholm and graduated from nearby South Shore High School in 1967. Just out of high school Jerry and his life-long friend Dean Wartenbee experienced high adventure on a long California road trip before Jerry enlisted in the United States Army. Jerry served in the Army Airborne for two tours of duty where he was the crew chief of a UH-1H transport helicopter known as a "Huey". Jerry was the soldier in charge of helicopter maintenance and daily upkeep. In the first tour, Jerry was gunner and crew chief with the 1st Aviation Brigade flying in "Gunships" in support of infantry troops. During his second tour with Alpha Company 5th Transportation Battalion (Airmobile) of the 101st Airborne Division, he was crew chief and flew daily missions to Da Nang for aircraft parts to resupply the division's fleet of rotary-wing aircraft; he was also part of "recovery" missions to extract downed helicopters. Jerry was known to be a first-class pro and performed his daily duties with a great professionalism. After Vietnam, Jerry was stationed at Fort Stewart in Savannah, Georgia for several years before being honorably discharged. Jerry was united in marriage to Mary Beth Anderson on December 30, 1967 in Sioux Falls, SD. In 1970, Jerry and Mary moved to Brookings, SD where Jerry studied and earned his economics undergraduate degree at South Dakota State University. Jerry and Mary had two sons, John and Jess who grew up and graduated from high school in Brookings. Mary and Jerry were regular and active members of their church in Brookings – Our Savior Lutheran Church where Jerry was a counter and frequent church usher. An able outdoorsman Jerry for many years enjoyed fishing and hunting deer or pheasants with family and friends – he downed at least one buck with an arrow from a

compound bow. For many years, Jerry was senior civilian supply administrator for the Army ROTC center on SDSU campus. He was well known for being helpful to ROTC cadets and also for his expertise at US military supply systems paperwork. Jerry also served many years in South Dakota National Guard as a lead truck driver in the transportation unit eventually retiring from the Guard in 2001. Jerry was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Jerry and Mary enjoyed attending semi-annual reunions of Jerry's Army buddies from the 134th Assault Helicopter Company around the USA. Jerry is survived by his two sons, John Berg of Minneapolis, MN and Jess Berg of Larchwood, IA and his younger brothers Jim Berg, Stockholm, SD and Casey Berg, Watertown, SD. Jerry is preceded by his much-loved wife of 55 years "the Big Kahuna" Mary; parents Stanley and Cecilia, Stockholm; older siblings Mike Berg, Milbank, SD and Bonnie Henry, Dell Rapids, SD. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD. A visitation was held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 15th at Rude's Funeral Home in Brookings. After the Funeral Service and reception at Our Savior, Jerry was buried at 2:00 PM at Lakeview Cemetery, South Shore, SD. After the burial (about 2:30 pm) friends and family were invited to the home of Jim and Sue Berg in South Shore, SD for a Celebration of Jerry's Life.

RUSSELL BODELL III – Died Saturday, May 13, 2023 in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 27, 1947. He was veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



KENNETH RALPH BOHANNON, SR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Monday, May 8, 2023, at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Bohannon was born on August 31, 1940 in Wilcox County, Georgia to the late Ishmeal and Estelle (née Taylor) Bohannon. He served his country honorably in the United States Army, retiring as a Sergeant First Class (E-7) after 20 years. After returning home, he joined the Fitzgerald Police Department and retired as a Captain. Mr. Bohannon was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed cutting grass and working in his yard. He also enjoyed watching westerns and restoring old cars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He is survived by his children: Kenny Bohannon, Jr., and Scott and Karen Bohannon, all of Fitzgerald and Phillip and Jeci Bohannon of Hinesville; eight grandchildren including one on the way; 17 great-grandchildren and 7 siblings. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jane (née Horne) Bohannon and four brothers and sisters. Graveside services were held at 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Abba Cemetery, in Ben Hill County, Georgia, with the Reverend Ike Thomas officiating. Full military honors were rendered. The family received friends Wednesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM, at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.



HERMAN RAYMOND BOMBACK – Died Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Swansea, Massachusetts at the age of 71, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family and the people who loved him. He was born on January 27, 1952 at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late Raymond Herman Bomback and Mabel (née Conway) Bomback. His father was in the Navy so he lived in many places including Washington DC; Portsmouth, RI; Kingsville, TX; Fall River, MA; and for the past 18 years in Swansea, MA. He graduated from BMC Durfee High School in 1970 where he excelled in baseball and football. He was inducted into the Durfee Hall of Fame for baseball. Baseball continued to be an important part of his life. He coached and managed many baseball teams from Little League to High School (Case 2008-2011). He coached American Legion Baseball and then in 1992 he became the baseball chairman of American Legion District #9 for many years. He resurrected the American Legion Post #314 Baseball team. In 2000 he felt that the baseball season was too short and wanted to continue it into the fall. This is when he founded and became the commissioner for the Autumn Baseball League (ABL). At one point having almost 100 teams in the league from Massachusetts, RI and Connecticut. His efforts had inspired and touched the lives of many children in Fall River and beyond. He entered the United States Army in 1972 during the Vietnam War, did his basic training in Fort Dix and one year of specialized schooling in Huntsville, AL. He served in Wiesbaden, Germany as an MOS 272.0. There he worked on Vulcan 20 mm shells and Chapparel surface-to-air missiles repairing their computer and guidance systems. While in Germany he played baseball and football for the Air Force where the teams traveled throughout Europe. When he finished his tour of duty, he attended SMU and then BCC where he earned two Associates degrees in Police Science and in Fire Science. He became a member of the Fall River Fire Department in 1975 until 1984. When he retired from the department, he started the HR Bomback Insurance Group as well as HR Bomback Real Estate. Herman had a deep love of his country. It is fitting he passed away on the 4th of July. Because of that love and respect, he spent many years involved as an active member of the American Legion. He served as adjutant for 15 years, was the Commander of Post #314 for a short while and in 1991 he served as the District #9 Commander for 1 year. In 1995 he founded and was the commander of the Alan T Fernandes Post #464 until the present. In 1986 he had become a Free Mason and was a member of the Watuppa Lodge. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. He was a Justice of the Peace who brought together in matrimony many couples in love. Herman was well-known around the area for playing music. He was a bass guitarist for many bands, but mostly with Wolfgang and until recently with Double Shot. He went by the stage name of Miller Huggins, a name he liked from an old-time baseball player. Herman had many friends. He enjoyed promoting events and getting people together. Some of his parties back in the day were legendary and people still talk about them. Upon hearing of a remission in his cancer, he threw a “Celebration of Life” event with bands and hundreds of people attended. Such was his influence. Herman's departure leaves an immense void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He had a zest for life and an energy that drew people toward him. Herman's legacy of

friendship, giving, helping and his love for music will go on in people's hearts. When he had the time, he enjoyed working in his garden, woodworking, working on his old cars and mostly playing music. Herman was a strong yet gentle man who cherished his role as a loving husband to his wife of 31 years, Dr. Laura (née Tavares) Bomback, and a dedicated father to his three children, Tracy Grunewald (husband Christopher) of N Attleboro, Jason Bomback (wife Anne) of Attleboro and Lucas Bomback of Fall River. He had five grandchildren, Brady, Claudia and Annelise Grunewald, Emily and Max Bomback and many nieces and nephews. He was the brother of Mark Bomback and Janie "Sissy" Wright (husband Michael) both of Somerset. He was also brother to Lenny McCoy deceased of Manassas, VA. Herman Bomback will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by the numerous friends and people whose lives he touched. May his soul find eternal rest, and may we find comfort in the knowledge that his legacy will forever live on in our hearts. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Waring-Sullivan Home at Birchcrest, 189 Gardners Neck Road, Swansea. His Funeral Service was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM in the funeral home. Relatives and friends were invited. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested donations be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 in Herman's honor.



GEORGE RICHARD BRIGGS – Died Saturday, June 3, 2023 in Brunswick, Maine at the age of 80. The cause of death was kidney and ischemic heart disease. He was born on October 29, 1942 in Freeport, Maine to the late George L. and Mary (née Sawyer) Briggs. He was also predeceased by two brothers, Richard Sawyer, and Chester Briggs, two sisters, Emily J. Brockway, and Rebecca Dennison. George is survived by his devoted wife of 38 years, Diane (née Durgin) Briggs, daughter Holly Rogers (Mark) of Bowdoinham, ME, a son Michael Briggs of Atlanta, GA, three stepsons, Greg Coffin (Kerry Bishop) of Gray, ME, Thomas (Amy) of Galena, OH, and Robert Coffin of Worthington, OH. He so loved and enjoyed his five grandchildren, Trent Anderson (Sara) of Brunswick, ME, Sydney Anderson of Bowdoinham, ME, Noah Coffin of Galena, OH and Reece Partridge of Columbus, OH. George has one beautiful great-granddaughter, Mabel Anderson, who he loved with all his heart. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, a brother-in-law, Stephen Durgin (Blanche) of Oak Hill, FL and a sister-in-law Rosanne Durgin of Pownal, ME. George graduated from Freeport High School 1961 where he played baseball and basketball all four years. He was a member of State Championship basketball teams coached by Bryce Beattie. He was a member of the Bath DeMolay basketball team, winning three New England championships. He played the drums in a band led by Warnie Bean (son of L.L. Bean) at dances and wedding receptions during high school. After graduating from high school, George attended Norwich University in Vermont. While at Norwich he participated in the flight program. After graduation and being commissioned as a 2nd LT in the Army in 1965, George reported to Fort Knox, KY for Armored Officers School. This was followed by Primary Rotary Wing Aviation school in Fort Wolters, TX and then on to Fort Rucker, AL for Advanced Flight School. After attending the flight schools, it was back to Fort Knox to join a unit forming up for Vietnam and was promoted to 1st LT. George was a proud member of C Troop 7/17 Air CAV Americal Division, later designated F Troop 8th Air CAV. He was appointed Scout Section Leader flying light observation helicopters.

The job entailed flying low level at a slow to moderate speed looking for the enemy to engage and mark the target for the Huey Gunships. While serving in Vietnam from October 1967 to October 1968, George was promoted to Captain with additional duties including Operations Office with area of operations out of Pleiku and Chu Lai. George flew a total of 678 combat missions and was awarded 23 Air Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Air Medal for Valor. Back in the States he was assigned to the Intelligence Branch at Fort Meade, MD until discharge in June 1970. Organization memberships included: Freeport Masonic Lodge #23; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brunswick Chapter #1044**; Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association; AMVETS Post #2 of Yarmouth, ME; American Legion Post #83 of Freeport, ME. He retired from Central Maine Power after 25 years of employment and went on to work for FL Power and Light both at Wyman Station, Yarmouth, ME. George was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. He enjoyed spending time at his camp "The Tundra" in Coburn Gore, ME with Diane and their friends. After retirement, George and Diane visited New Smyrna Beach, FL for six years along with Diane's mother, Shirley Durgin. In 2012, they purchased a condo in New Smyrna Beach and officially became Snowbirds dividing their time between Maine and Florida. They expanded their list of close friends from Maine to include their new friends in Florida. During the 38 years with his wife Diane, they vacationed in the Caribbean (especially St. Marten) for more than 22 years. They were joined on many trips with family or friends. An especially memorable and treasured year occurred in 2017 when they were accompanied to St. Marten for the wedding of George's daughter, Holly, to Mark Rogers. They also had the pleasure of having their grandchildren, Trent, Sara, Sydney, and friend, Soli Rhodes with them along with George's son, Mike, to witness the ceremony. Visitation was held at the Stetson's Funeral Home in Brunswick, ME on June 24th from 9:00-11:00 AM preceding a memorial service that was also held at Stetson's commencing at 1:00 PM. Military honors were accorded at 3:00 PM at Burr's Cemetery in Freeport. If you wish, in lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution to your favorite charity or to George's charity: Midcoast Humane Society, 5 Industrial Parkway, Brunswick, ME 04011.



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MARK H. BRITTON – Died Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in Henrietta, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Air Force from January 17, 1972 to July 24, 1975. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**.



WILLIAM EVANS "Bill" BURGESS - Died Thursday, July 13, 2023 at St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia, Georgia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Martin, Georgia. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on May 9, 1946 in Albany, New York to late Percy Evans and Thelma (née Keebler) Burgess. Before retirement he

worked as a Protection Officer for the US Forestry Service. Mr. Burgess was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. He is survived by his wife: Lynn Diane (née Rothrock) Burgess; children: Jeffrey Burgess, Tracy Burgess-Anderson, Cari Burgess; grandchildren: Kegan Burgess, Jeffery Burgess, Alyssa Thomas; and a brother: Ed Burgess. Mr. Burgess was cremated in accordance with his request. The family gathered for a celebration of life at a later date. The Strickland Funeral Home of Lavonia was in charge of the arrangements. To sign the online guest register please visit stricklandfh.com.



DONALD J. "Don" BURTON (USA, CW4-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 21, 1933 in Fairbury, Nebraska. Don spent most of his military career at Fort Sill, retiring after 23 years as Chief Warrant Officer (CW4). He is a veteran of foreign wars (Vietnam and Korea). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750**. During his career he attended Cameron University, finishing with a master's degree in finance. He opened and operated several businesses in the Lawton area known as Burton's Furniture, Waterbed Heaven, and Leisure Living. He was an accomplished father of three children, business man, youth sports coach, and marathon runner. Survived by wife Carolyn Burton, Lawton; daughter, Julie Brox, Elgin; two sons: John Burton, Denton, Texas and Jim Burton, Lawton, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at First Baptist West with Reverend Harold Gaches, pastor officiating. The burial with full military honors was in Pecan Cemetery, southwest of Lawton. Friends and family came to visit the family from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the funeral home. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at www.beckerfuneral.com. The arrangements were under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.



LINDA SUE BUTLER – Died Friday, April 21, 2023 in Canyonville, Oregon at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Tacoma, Washington on December 9, 1949. Raised in Buckley, Washington, she graduated from Knapps business school in Tacoma and worked at Boeing for over 20 years. She met and married her husband Henry in Tacoma, Washington, and they were wed in Oct. of 1972. Linda was an avid reader, loved life, her dogs, family, traveling and was a lifelong Seahawks, and Mariner's fan. She was a breast cancer survivor, later volunteering at the Community Cancer Center in Roseburg, Oregon. Until recently, Linda was a secretary and devoted *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter #805** and the Knoll Terrace Tenants Association in Canyonville. Linda is

survived by her husband Henry of 50 years, her son Henry, Jr. (Jen), Dave, Resa (Mike), like a daughter Carol Lee, her siblings, Karen Carlson and Bob Lee. Numerous nieces and nephews, and four grandchildren, Josh (Veronica), Sean and Amelia. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her infant son, Theodore (Teddy), sister, Helen, and brother, Jim. In June 2023 there was a celebration of life in Roseburg. She will be dearly missed.



STEPHEN “Steve” CAIN - Died Friday, May 5, 2023 at his home in Hayward, Wisconsin at the age of 77. The cause of death was ischemic heart disease. Stephen was born on 12, 1945, in Jacksonville, Florida to the late George and Constance (née Hogan) Seigler. He was raised in Illinois and attended a military school. He then attended the United States Air Force Military Academy where he was an all-American swimmer in the breaststroke. Steve joined the U.S. Air Force on June 7, 1967, and while serving his country he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air and Space Longevity Service Award and the Air Force Medal. He was honorably discharged on July 26, 1971, from Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, CA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hayward Chapter #1130**. Steve’s then went to work for the U.S. Secret Service as a forensic scientist. After his time with the Secret Service, Steve began a private practice as a forensic scientist in Lake Geneva, WI which he would operate for 15 years. On July 4, 1998, Steve was joined in marriage to Candi Humphrey in Lake Geneva. Steve and Candi retired and moved to Hayward, WI. Steve is survived by his wife, Candi; two children, Kelly (Jahwane) Mabier of Stone Lake, WI, Kevin (Beckie) Humphrey of Lake Geneva, WI; eight grandchildren, Cory, Courtney, Alexander, Sage, Gwen, Ava, Kenrick and Kelton; three sisters-in-law, Crystal (Glenn) Wergin of Lake Geneva, Julie (Joe) Gendrich of Hayward, WI, Jill (Rick) Liner of Sugar Creek, WI; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service celebrating Steve’s life was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 22, 2023 at Hayward Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Young officiating. A time of gathering with the family was held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Military honors were accorded by the State of Wisconsin Military Funeral Honors Program. The interment was at the Northern Wisconsin Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery in Beaver Brook Township, WI. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Springs, MD 20910.



THOMAS EARL “Tom” CAIN - Died Monday, March 27, 2017 at Saint Luke Hospital in Maumee, Ohio at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1937 in Moundsville, West Virginia to Friend William and Helen (née Price) Cain. Following graduation

from high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was a Corporal in the Vietnam War from 1965-1966 and was stationed in Germany. While stationed in Germany, he met the love of his life, Gisela Seeger. They were united in marriage on September 15, 1963. Tom was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. He was a car enthusiast, who had a passion for restoring and collecting them. He was also a handyman who could fix practically anything. Tom enjoyed music, especially playing and singing along with his guitar. One of his greatest joys in life was the time he went on Honor Flight to visit the War Memorials in Washington DC. Left to cherish Tom's memory is his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Gisela; daughter, Michelle Miller (Joe Steinem); son, Michael (Jennifer) Cain; grandson, Ren Cain; sisters, Mary Ellen (James) Mason and Linda (John) Slaninka; as well as many nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Friend Robert (Bonnie) Cain; son-in-law, Chris Miller and dear friend, Bob Beckley. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 31st at 11:00 AM at the Weigel Funeral Home in Swanton, with Pastor J.T. Bean officiating. The interment was at the Highland Memory Gardens. The family requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Swanton Local Schools Foundation Backpack Buddies.

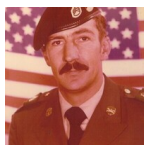
DAVID LANKSTON CARLISLE - Died Thursday, April 13, 2023 in Gulfport, Mississippi at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 19, 1932 in Dallas, Texas. He served in the United States Air Force from October 1950 to October 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #1150**. The Riemann Family Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of the arrangements for the family.



LARRY EDWARD CARNAHAN - Died Monday, January 30, 2023 at his home in Ellabell, Georgia at the age of 74, while under the care of GHC Hospice. The cause of death was multiple myeloma (bone cancer). He was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania on June 4, 1948 to the late Julian Carnahan and the late Anna Mae (née France) Carnahan. Larry was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix (Arizona) Chapter #432**. He was a retired Heavy Equipment Operator and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Patrick Carnahan. Survivors include his wife, Debra McDonough Carnahan; sisters, Linda Yale and Patty Venuti; other family and friends. Graveside Services with full US Army Military Honors was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia.

CHRISTINE A. “Chriss” CARPIN - Died unexpectedly, Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Penn Highlands-DuBois, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. She was a resident of Weedville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on October 24, 1962 the late Fabian “Buzz” Stauffer and Shirley M. Stauffer, who survives. Christine is survived by her mother, Shirley M. Stauffer; her husband, Richard Carpin; three children, Joseph L. Bauer, Nikki (Bryan) Satterly and Clarissa S. Bauer; one grandchild, Dustin (Candice) Challingsworth; one grandson, on the way; three great-

granddaughters, Chesley, Makenzie and Kaitlyn Challingsworth; a sister, Susie (Ron) Gradl; several nieces and nephews; and one partner in crime, Lisa Nesbitt. Christine was preceded in death by: her father, Fabian “Buzz” Stauffer. She had worked for forty-one years as a CNA and Unit Clerk for Elk Haven Nursing Home. She enjoyed going to the beach, camping, Nascar races, gambling and playing cards. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. There was no public visitation. The family received friends on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home of Penfield, PA. Funeral Services were held at 7:00 PM on Friday at the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home. The family will be accepting online condolences at the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home website(www.nedzafamilyfuneralhomes.com).



GERHARD “Gary” CAUTHEN - Died Friday, July 28, 2023 in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 79. He was formerly of Leesville, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. Gary was born on January 28, 1944 in Germany to the late Winifred and Francisca Cauthen. Gary is a veteran of the United States Army where he served 20 years before retiring and becoming a prison guard for both Angola State Penitentiary and Vernon Parish Jail where he fully retired in 2000. He was a loving husband, father of three, grandfather, and a brother to Diana Cauthen and Heidi Bader. During his life he was fortunate enough to have found two great loves of his life. Linda Mae Cauthen of 33 years whom he shared his three children with until her passing on October 11, 2000 and his surviving wife, Mary Beth Cauthen of 17 years to date. In his retirement he loved spending time at the American Legion Post in Alexandria, La where he served as Commander. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131*. Gary loved being with his family and his beloved companion, Lucky. To know Gary was to love him. There was never a dull moment or a quiet room with him around. He enjoyed nothing more than to make someone laugh or smile and he never failed in doing so. The memories he’s made for himself and all of his loved ones will last a lifetime. He is loved and respected by many and will be missed dearly by all. Heaven will be a brighter place with him in it. He lived a long beautiful life on this earth, but nothing can compare to the eternal life he’s just received. It’s never goodbye, it’s see you later. Gary is preceded in death by his parents, first wife; Linda Mae Cauthen, son in law; Bruce Harbin; brother, Kurt Ingrel; grandmother, Eva Pusl and grandfather, Lorenz Pusl. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Cauthen of Leesville, La.; sons, Richard Cauthen of Leesville, La., Keith Carruth (Darlene) of Springfield, La., and Robert Allen (Darnell) of Mississippi, daughters, Debbie McDonald of Lake Charles, La., and Deanna Cooley of Rosepine, La.; sisters, Diana Cauthen, and Heidi Bader; grandchildren, Landon Spikes, Corey Spikes, Staci Spikes, A. J. Cooley (Dominique Cooley), Ashlyn Rider (Dustin), Linda Grace Cooley (Jake Langley), and Marli Cauthen, and; twelve great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville. The burial was on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Leesville. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM in the funeral home. Words of comfort may be expressed to the Cauthen Family at www.labbymemorial.com.



ALPHONSE CAMILLE "Al" CHAPDELAINE - Died Friday, February 24, 2023 at the Atrium Health Cabarrus Hospital in Concord, North Carolina at the age of 75. He was a resident of Concord. The cause of death is unknown. Chapdelaine was born on September 7, 1947 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late Urbain Chapdelaine and the late Theresa Chapdelaine. He is survived by his wonderful and caring wife Regina Chapdelaine, his children Trent and [Darcy] Chapdelaine, Trista and [Edward] Fedor, and Trevor and [Kathleen] Chapdelaine. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, Marissa Dickenson, Emily Fedor, Cameron Fedor, Sarah Fedor, Jamie Chapdelaine, Laci Chapdelaine, Ty Chapdelaine, Jack Koske, and Sydney Koske. He will also be dearly remembered by his brothers Richard Chapdelaine and Philip Chapdelaine. He served in the United States Army from July 16, 1965 to July 11, 1968 during the Vietnam War. He served a tour of duty in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. A private chapel service was held on Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00 AM at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Donations may be made in Al's honor to Tunnel to Towers @ t2t.org and also K9's for Warriors @ k9sforwarriors.com.



CECIL J. "Jerry" CREECH - Died Monday, June 26, 2023 in Lexington, South Carolina at the age of 76, surrounded by family at the family home. The cause of death is unknown. Jerry was born on October 18, 1946 in Barnwell County, South Carolina to the late Cecil Furman and Mary Rebecca Creech Baxley. Jerry served with the United States Air Force, stationed in Japan with the Postal Unit during the Vietnam War. After serving his country he began a career with the railroad, retiring from Norfolk Southern as a conductor. While with the railroad, he served as the UTU 0793 Local Chairman. He was a member of the Grand Association of Veteran Railway Employees Chapter #2, Columbia SC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**. Always active, Jerry served as a volunteer fireman in Edmund community, Youth/Awana leader, special needs bus driver, assisting students with job programs for students in Lexington District #2, and choir member at Dunn's Chapel in West Columbia, SC. Jerry married Gail Still on January 31, 1970. They were each other's lifelong companions, raising three children and welcoming eight grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Gail; children Todd (Renee) Creech, Tonya (Jason) Estes, and Ty (Jennifer) Creech; grandchildren Denise, Sarah, and Ethan Creech, Trever Daniel Sulser Jr., Emily Sulser, Ryan Estes, Hannah and Lydia Creech; sisters Bonnie Ray, Ann Padgett, and Brenda Owens; as well as his brother, Glen Creech. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Tommy Creech. Jerry will be forever remembered for his strong Christian faith and witnessing to others, his love of storytelling, dedication to country and love of family. Visitations were held on Friday, June 30th from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Mole Funeral Home in Barnwell, SC and on Saturday, July 1st at 10:00 AM at Dunn's Chapel. The Funeral Services were after Saturday's visitation at 11:00 AM at Dunn's Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the

family requested that memorials be made to Friendship Baptist Church or Dunn's Chapel, 281 Chapel Road West Columbia, SC 29172.



JOHNNY EUGENE CREWS - Died Sunday, February 5, 2023 in MacClenny, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Baker County, he was born on May 12, 1949 in Glen Saint Mary, Florida to the late Lizzie Lee (née Starling) Crews and Corbit Samuel Crews, Jr. Johnny was a 1967 graduate of Baker County High School and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glen Saint Mary Chapter #1134**. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who loved helping others. Johnny enjoyed fishing, watching football, and loved cutting the fool with everybody. He was always friendly and never met a stranger. Johnny truly lived his life to the fullest. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Wanda Robinson. Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Janice R. Crews of Macclenny; son, John Corry Crews (Heather) of Macclenny; daughter Tammy Gayle Waldo (Charlie) of Glen St. Mary; brothers, James Crews of Keystone Heights and Randall Crews (Sharri) of Lake Butler; grandchildren, John Corry Crews, Jr., Jacob Dalton Crews, Skylar Nicole Crews, and Tannis Korri Guffey (William); great-grandchild, Kyran Guffey; along with several nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. Visitation with the family was held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at Blackburn-Curry Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Christian Fellowship Temple with Reverend David Griffis officiating. The interment was in Cedar Creek Cemetery. The arrangements were entrusted to the care of Blackburn-Curry Funeral and Cremation, 380 North Lowder Street, MacClenny, Florida. Please share your condolences with the Crews family online at www.blackburncurryfh.com.

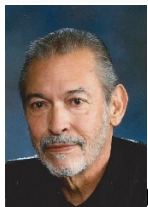


BOBBY JOE "Bob" DARST - Died Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 66, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Delaware on June 3, 1957 to the late Elmer R. and Edna I. (née Harter) Darst. Left to cherish his memory is one son, Robby Darst; two sisters, Diane Stiffler of Delaware and Mary "Kathy" Simpkins; Lifetime friend and caregiver, Josephine Hines; and many family members and friends. Along with his parents, Bob was preceded in death by brother, Elmer David; sister, Judy; and brother-in-law, Robert Simpkins. Bob was a 1977 graduate of Delaware Hayes High School. He had a very patriotic heart and a prideful soul. He had a great love for cars, going fishing, continuing to grow his model car collection; and collecting ink pens, he had over 500 different pens. He was a dedicated supporter of TV39 in Marion. Bob was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Delaware Chapter #1095. A service to honor Bob's life was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 101 Valleyside Drive, Delaware. Visitation hours were held at the funeral home from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The burial took place at Fairview Memorial Park. The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center was honored to serve the Darst family. To leave a condolence or to share a memory, please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.



RONALD DOUGLAS DAVIS - Died Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Select Specialty Hospital at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, Kentucky at the age of 78. He was a resident of Salvisa, Kentucky. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 2, 1945 in Maysville, Kentucky to the late Everett and Zetta (née Cooper) Davis. He was the widower of Patricia (née Coffey) Davis. He was an employee of Trane Manufacturing, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrodsburg Chapter #1104** and a member of its Honor Guard. He attended Ballard Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching westerns and crime shows on TV and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include one son: Eddie (Lori) Davis of Lawrenceburg, one daughter: Sheri Davis of Salvisa, one sister: Jeanette Hodge of Fairborn, OH, four grandchildren: Christopher Logan Davis, Travis Edward Davis, Eric Wilham, Lucille Wilham and one great grandchild: Sophia Renee Davis. He was preceded in death by one son: Eric Davis and one brother: Darrell Davis. A Memorial Service was conducted at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the Alexander and Royalty Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Adams officiating. The burial was in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Jessamine County with Christopher Logan Davis, Travis Edward Davis, Eric Wilham, Lucille Wilham and Sophia Renee Davis serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was after 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the Alexander and Royalty Funeral Home. To share your memories or to leave a message for the family, please visit alexanderandroyalty.com.



CARLOS SAMUEL DeHERRERA - Died Tuesday, May 2, 2023 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 76. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. Carlos was born in Mora, New Mexico on June 17, 1946 to Felipe and Eloisa DeHerrera. After Carlos graduated from Mora High School he went on to serve in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968. After serving in the Army, Carlos became a profound sheet metal worker in Colorado. On April 20, 1968, Carlos married the love of his life Elsie DeHerrera and they had two sons, Arvin and Michael DeHerrera. Carlos is survived by his wife, two sons, nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren two brothers and one sister. Carlos had numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition, Carlos was a part of many organizations including the Knights of Columbus where he was a 4th Degree Knight and served as a Grand Knight twice. Carlos was an active member of the VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**, the American Legion, Cursillo Movement and they hosted the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Carlos

was a Parishioner at Holy Name Catholic Church for 55 years where he dedicated his time being a Eucharistic Minister, an Usher and part of the Choir. Carlos loved to travel with his wife and often joined her on her pilgrimages. He loved spending time at the ranch with his grandkids, working in his garage and watching the Denver Broncos play. The recitation of the Rosary was prayed on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday May 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Holy Name Catholic Church, 3290 West Milan Avenue, Sheridan, CO 80110. The interment was at 11:30 AM Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.



WALTER J. "Walt" "Wally" DONACHY - Died Friday, May 19, 2023 at home in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family, after a lengthy and hard-fought battle with cancer. He was born on June 13, 1948 in Saint Marys to the late Gerald Donachy, Sr. and Marjorie (née Caskey) Donachy. Walt is survived by his wife of over 52 wonderful years, Jeanette (née Baumer) Donachy. They were married on October 24, 1970, in Saint Marys. Walt is also survived by two children, Nicole Donachy of Rocky River, Ohio and Rebecca (Donachy) Terwilliger of Saint Marys, and two grandchildren, Cameron Terwilliger and Nico Terwilliger. Also survived by his twin sister; Barbara Secco, sisters; Geraldine (Ken) Vogt and Diane Frederick, three brothers; Paul (Shirley) Donachy, Tom (Theresa) Donachy, and Gerald Donachy, Jr., sister-in-law; Judy Donachy, and brother-in-law; Mike Cesa, as well as by numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law; David Terwilliger, brother; Kenneth Donachy, sister; Karen (Donachy) Cesa, and nephews; Kenneth (Butch) Donachy, Michael Cesa, and Robert Scone. Walt was a graduate of Saint Marys Area High School, Class of 1967. Walt served in the United States Army, and was in Long Binh, Vietnam from 1968-1969. Walt was active with Queen of the World Catholic Church, serving at different times as an usher at Mass, volunteer with the annual festival, and running the monthly bingo. Walt was passionate about the Sportmen's Club and competing in trap and skeet, and was actively involved in educating and instructing youth teams. Walt also enjoyed many other activities during his lifetime, including playing the drums in a local band, serving as a Boy Scout leader, going to camp with family and friends, listening to music, playing the drums and guitar, playing cards, and playing golf. Additionally, Walt enjoyed going to the Green Lite to spend time with friends. Walt was a member of the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), CMF, Saint Marys Legion, Eagles, PFL, Elk's, and the Moose. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #948**. A Mass of Christian Burial for Walter J. Donachy was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at Queen of the World Church, 134 Queens Road, Saint Marys with Reverend Father Jeffery Noble, Pastor, as celebrant. Military Honors were accorded by the Saint Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. The burial was in the Saint Marys Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends were received at the Queen of the World Church on Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 10:15 AM until the time of the Mass. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Elk County Rides 4 Vets. Lynch-Green Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 151 North Michael Street,

Saint Marys, PA handled all the arrangements and online condolences may be offered to the family at www.lynchgreenfuneralhome.com.



RICHARD D. DUNKIN - Died Monday, May 29, 2023 in the comfort of his own home in DeWitt, Iowa at the age of 76, after a struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Richard was born in Trenton, Missouri on March 3, 1947 to the late Roscoe and Grace (née Burkert) Dunkin. He proudly served in the United States Army. On March 7, 1970, he was united in marriage to Carole Morris in Davenport, IA. He retired from Oscar Mayer/ Kraft Heinz after 30 years of service. Although, he continued to do odd jobs for family and friends. Richard enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family. He was a volunteer for the Police Reserve for DeWitt, IA. He was also a founding board member of the DeWitt area Veterans Memorial. After mowing and working on cars, nothing tasted better than an ice cold bottle of Miller Lite beer. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776*. Those missing him dearly are his wife of 53 years, Carole Dunkin; daughter, Dannielle (Matt) Meister, Davenport, IA; son, Scott (Tammy) Dunkin, Davenport, IA; grandchildren, Kory (Kayla) Meister, Kala (Luke) McCall, and Allison (Marcus) Hausman; great grandchildren, Eli Smith, Callie Smith, Kyah Hausman, and Jameson Meister, along with one on the way; brother, George Dunkin; and sister, Carol Philbrick. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rolla; and sister, Sondra. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 2nd in the Runge Mortuary Chapel. Visitation was held from 12:00 Noon until time of service. He was laid to rest in Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made in his honor to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #299 or Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rungemortuary.com.



ROBERT EDWARD "Rob" FIGLER II - Died Sunday, April 9, 2023 at home in North Canton, Ohio at the age of 76, following long years of Agent Orange caused ischemic heart disease, congestive heart failure, Parkinson disease, COPD and PTSD. He was born on August 18, 1946 in Lorain, Ohio to the late Verna (née Wenger) Figler and Robert Edward Figler I. On April 23, 1982, he married Jaqueline L. Hoffman. Together they shared 41 years of marriage. Rob served in the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines as a radio operator and combat veteran in Vietnam. He served on the DMZ in Con Tien and Dong Ha. He was a TET survivor. After daily exposure to Agent Orange, he finished his tour of duty and spent another year at Camp Lejeune. His decorations, medals, badges, and commendations included, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal w/2* (with 2 stars), the Vietnamese Campaign Medal w/device, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Rob had been an Eagle Scout,

bookkeeper, and professional dog handler among the many jobs he would hold in his life. He was a participant in American Indian ceremonies and dances. He loved to volunteer and feeding the hungry was his most important charity. He was trained as a “buddy” to people with AIDS. He was very talented and could create furniture and would craft the regalia used for the ceremonies and dances. He spent 4 summers at Indian Reservations. Two at Standing Rock and two at Cheyenne River. He worked as a sponsor for those in recovery and facilitated support groups. He rescued and rehabbed a quarter-horse, which he taught to dance. He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. His proudest achievement was his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all the children cared for in his home. He was preceded in death by his mother, Verna Wenger Figler, his father Robert Edward Figler I and his sister, Mary Kay and his sister Anita who passed last week. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Jackie Figler; his brother John Figler; his sons Bryan Figler, Seth Figler and Jason Hoffman, his seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Acknowledgements: The family would like to thank Southern Care Hospice for their extraordinary kindness and professionalism. To thank the VA homecare team for their assistance and compassion. Thank you to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #717, for never forgetting and always serving those veterans in need. We would like to also thank the family and friends for all their time and assistance through the years Rob was ill. In lieu of flowers please direct donations to the VVA Chapter #717 Attn: Secretary Jay Jenkins email: james8623@att.net or the Akron Canton Foodbank. The arrangements were entrusted to the Adams Mason Funeral Home. The interment was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on May 3, 2023 at 11:15 AM, 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, OH.



STEPHEN G. FODOR- Died Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the JFK University Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was a resident of Fords, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 11, 1949, in Fords. Stephen was a Mechanic for Aventis Pharmaceutical in Somerville. He was a graduate of JFK High School, Class of 1967. Stephen served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was very active in the VFW, serving as the past Commander of the Fords VFW as well as District Eight and the All-State VFW Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Stephen was a 49ers fan and a car enthusiast. Stephen was predeceased by three brothers: Albert, Bob, and Ronnie Fodor. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sandra Fodor, of Fords; a daughter, Kristen Zeno, and her husband, Mike, of Middlesex; and a brother, Ralph Fodor, of Florida. Visitation was on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Flynn and Son Funeral Home, 23 Fords Avenue, Fords, NJ 08863. The Funeral Service was held at 4:00 PM in the funeral home. The cremation was private.

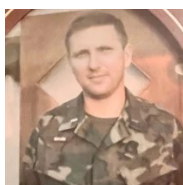


GREGORY GEORGE “Greg” FORD – Died Saturday, May 27, 2023 in Roy, Utah at the age of 75 surrounded by his family and friends. The cause of death is unknown. Greg was born on June 3, 1947 in Ogden, Utah to the late George Arthur and Lorraine (née Barnes) Ford. He grew up in Ogden and attended Ogden City schools, graduating from Ogden High School in 1965. He joined the United States Navy in October of 1966 becoming a Physical Therapy Technician and ending tour of duty in March of 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. Greg entered Weber State College following his services with the Navy and worked at Weber County Hospital. In November of 1971, he met his sweetheart. They dated for three years and were married May 17, 1974. Their marriage was solemnized in the Ogden Temple on May 23, 2015. Greg worked at Hill Air Force Base as a sheet metal mechanic for over 35 years. He retired in 2012. Greg was a life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served in various callings. The calling he loved most was building cleaning coordinator. (He didn’t have to get up and publicly speak at church.) He was always willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed family vacations including camping, traveling to historical sites and reading historical romance novels. Greg is survived by his wife, Sharon, two daughters, Shannon (Hazen) Wardle, Kellie Weaver and one son, Andrew Ford; grandchildren, Alex Wardle, Zach Wardle and Abby Wardle; his sister, Pam (Kent) Erickson, brothers-in-law, Dean Byington, Leon Byington, Brian Marquardt; sisters-in-law, Marge (Ken) Becraft, Laurie (Ken) Byington, Delma Woodruff, Elaine Byington, Jane (Brian) Marquardt and Jean Spendlove. He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren, Trent Gregory Wardle and Hailey Elizabeth Dawn Wardle; brothers-in-law, Kent Erickson, John Murphy, Ken Becraft, Ken Byington and sisters-in-law, Connie Murphy and Linda Byington. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Roy West Park Ward, 5080 South 3100 West, Roy, Utah. The family met with friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, June 4th at Lindquist’s Roy Mortuary, 3333 West 5600 South, Roy, Utah and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the church. The interment was in the Ogden City Cemetery, where military honors were accorded.

CLINTON INGRAHAM “Clint” FUDGE II - Died Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in Erin, New York at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. Clinton was born on August 7, 1940 in Elmira, New York to the late Clinton Ingraham Fudge, Sr. and Kathleen (née Drury) Fudge. He was a graduate of Southside High School, received his Bachelor's degree from Paul Smiths College. He also did graduate work at Utah State University and The University of Southern Florida. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving his country with the United States Army. Clint married his wife Barbara A. Jewell Fudge on October 17, 1970 and they would have celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on October 17, 2023. He was a Locksmith, a member of the Erin Fire Department serving as a firefighter and EMT, a Red Cross Volunteer, a member of ARAST and a bee keeper. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking, kayaking, living history and birding. A member of the Shuttles & Spindles Guild he enjoyed spinning and weaving also. Clint is survived by his wife, Barbara; son and daughter-in-law: Matthew C. and Kelly Fudge; daughter and son-in-law: Heidi Ann Fudge-Wheeler and Dirk

Wheeler; grandchildren: Chelsie Bach and Nathaniel Bach; great-grandchildren; brother Frederick Bruce Fudge; sister-in-law: Kathleen Marie Jewell; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of caring friends. Private Funeral Services held at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Clint's Life was held at a time to be announced. The arrangements were entrusted to the Lynch Funeral Home, 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY. Words of Condolence and Memories may be shared at www.lynchsfuneralhome.com.

PHILIP G. GANNIA – Died Sunday, March 19, 2023 in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 8, 1950. He served in the United States Army from July 1968 to July 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from November 1968 to December 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9*.



REVEREND LEONARD MONROE “Len” GAVIN, JR. (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in Bessemer, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on February 21, 1946 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Leonard Monroe Gavin, Sr. and Winifred (née Petway) Gavin. He was wrapped in love by his wife, Vickie. Len fought a brave and long battle with cancer after being exposed to agent orange in Vietnam. He was predeceased by his sisters, Betty Joe Bishop, Barbara Mead, and Carolyn Crowson. Len leaves to cherish his loving memory, Vickie his wife of 30 years, and sons Allen Gavin (Maxine), Geoffrey Gavin (Hollye), Dr. Dillon Casey (Anna Catherine) and Aaron Gavin; four grandchildren, Ava Gavin, Rose Gavin, Stella Gavin and Walker Casey; In-laws, Gene and Carole Walker; brothers-in-law Gene Walker II (Heather), Jerry Mead (Jenesa), and Paul Crowson (Starr) and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Len was raised in East Lake. He graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1964 and Auburn University in 1968. While at Auburn he was a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. Over the past few years, he has had a great time at the Orange Beach reunions. In 2022, Len received the honor as the Ford Game Day Hero for his exemplary military service career and was honored on the field during a time out break at Jordan-Hare Stadium. War Eagle! After graduating from Auburn University, Len enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served a tour in Vietnam, as a Company Commander, on Hill 37 in Dialock. Following his active duty military service, Len returned to Alabama and joined the Alabama Army National Guard. Lieutenant Colonel Gavin's leadership took him on various missions including Japan, Germany, and Panama. He completed 26 years of service and his last assignment was as the Inspector General for the Corps Support Command (COSCOM). He received numerous Military Service Decorations and Awards. Returning to Birmingham in 1975, he joined the Birmingham Police Department and later was the Director of UNDO-United Narcotics Detail Operations. Len was offered a job to introduce an aspiring political presidential candidate to the State of Alabama. Len had the honor to taking George H. W. Bush throughout the state including meeting people and kissing babies. Len was the fourth person hired to the staff and was Regional Campaign Manager for Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, and

Kentucky. Len's next adventure was as the Director of Security for Big B Drugs with the Bruno Family. In 1991, Len took a position on Governor Hunt's Cabinet as the Director of Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. Next, Len went back to politics and worked for the Alabama Republican Party. He held various positions; truly excelling in numerous campaigns with grassroots strategies. He did local, county, and state wide campaigns. Leaving politics behind he completed a Master of Ministry with St. Michael's Seminary and was ordained a priest with the Anglican Church. For over 14 years he was the staff chaplain at Princeton Baptist Hospital. During this time, he was instrumental in developing a program focused on supporting grieving families experiencing neonatal and premature infant death. He was also one of the founders of Princeton Baptist Hospital Palliative Care Program. He ministered to numerous families and guided many patients in their path to heaven. Len was assigned as the Chaplain at Princeton Towers, an independent living facility and was the Rector for the Anglican Church of the Most Sacred Heart. Some outreach programs the church provided was a local food bank, soup kitchen, and vacation bible school for neighborhood children. After retiring from Princeton, Len was given the opportunity to be the Director of Discovery Clubs with Jimmie Hale Mission. Discovery Clubs is an after school ministry for thousands of children across the greater Birmingham area, ages 2nd-5th grades. Len was called Coach by many young men and women in the West End area where he started Princeton Lacrosse. The team started out as an Under 11 team and grew to Under 13 and high school teams—both girls and boys. He emphasized teaching teamwork both on and off the field. Through Lacrosse, several of his former players went on to receive athletic scholarships to play at the collegiate level. A few of these individuals would become the first members of their household to attend college. Len was affiliated with numerous organizations including: U.S. Marine Corps Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #419**, American Legion—Post #911, Veterans of Foreign Wars—Post #668, Auburn Alumni Association, Delta Chi Fraternity, U.S. Lacrosse Association, Association of the Immaculate Conception, National Guard Association, Alabama, Chaplain Association, Blue Star Salute Foundation, and Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery. Len was truly a prodigal son. During the final phase of his life, he returned to the Catholic Church. He was a member of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church in Bessemer, Alabama. He was a faithful servant of Our Lord and Savior and had a unique talent as a teacher of the faith and never met a stranger. Len was loved by many as a friend and mentor; he will be greatly missed. The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks and deep gratitude to Dr. John Piede, Melissa, Karen, Courtney, and the staff at Alabama Oncology at the Bruno Cancer Center. Also, the great care provided by Affinity Hospice Services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Len Gavin to Discovery Clubs, located at 1449 Medical Park Drive South, Birmingham, Alabama 35213 or by visiting their website: discoveryclubs.org. Services were provided by the McCalla Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, 751 Academy Drive, Bessemer, Alabama. Visitation was at 10:00 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM and the burial was at 2:00 PM at the Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, Alabama.



JAMES CHARLES "Jim" GEYER - Died Sunday, October 11, 2020 while vacationing with his family in New Hampshire. He was 74 years of age and a resident of Providence, Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Providence on September 30, 1946 to the late Charles and Mary (née Colantonio) Geyer. He was the beloved husband of Barbara J. (née Lanni) Geyer; devoted father of Michelle L. Bass and her husband Kenneth, Jesse J. Geyer, and James A. Geyer and his wife Samantha; brother of the late Cheryl Guarino; cherished grandfather of; Kayla-Rose, Kenneth, Brianna, Alyssa, Jaydon, Jesse, Mason, Ellie, Dylan and Great Granddaughter Madison. Once a Marine, always a Marine. He always had that mantra. Serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1963 to 1967 and 2 years reserved; including 2 Tours in Vietnam. He served at VFW 10011 as a Post Commander, also wearing many Hats during his years with the VFW. Jim Geyer was well known by many. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woonsocket Chapter #818**, the Disabled Veterans Organization and the American Legion of Lincoln, New Hampshire. Proud, tough and always prepared. A successful Printer at Union Paper Company for 28 years from which he retired happily. Always enjoying the outdoors, camping in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, taking long drives, trout fishing, canoeing the Great Swamps, Wood River and Lincoln Woods. Endlessly tinkering in the workshop, woodworking and fixing anything broken. Jim was consistently busy, but always made time for his Wife, Kids and Grand Kids. Cheering on the Patriots on any given Sunday or any one of the kids or grandkids shows, recitals or sporting events. He was there with full applause. A wise, honest and loving man. He will be dearly missed but his legacy will live on. Visitation and funeral services were held on Friday from 9:00-10:30 AM in the Pontarelli-Marino Home, 971 Branch Avenue, Providence, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in The Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1081 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence. Burial with Military Honors in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery were private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Keri Anne O'Donnell Memorial Fund c/o Walter Matisiewski, 1011 Smithfield Avenue, Lincoln, RI 02865.



JERE J. "JJ" GIBSON - Died Thursday, May 18, 2023 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 8, 1951 in Lancaster to the late Elwood W. and Thelma E. (née Campbell) Gibson. He was the loving husband of Sandra L. (née Gauker/Buffington) Gibson. The couple celebrated 22 years of marriage on August 24, 2022. He attended McCaskey High School and received his GED in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. He was in the US Army

Reserves from 1972 to 1976 as a Lineman and as an Assault Helicopter Company Gunner in the 134th AHC. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest. After serving his country, he worked for Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster. Jere is survived by his daughter, Renee S. Santiago and her husband Carlos J. of Marietta; his son, Chris J. Buffington of York; 5 grandchildren, Alanna Beats of Conestoga, Tara Beats, Emma Beats and Juan Santiago of Marietta and Landri Buffington of York; 2 great-grandchildren, Chandler and Kasey. He is also survived by his sister, Trudy A. Booth and husband Ron L. of Lancaster and his brother, Dale R. Gibson of Jamaica, VA. Jere will also be missed by his feline companion, Dallas, who lay by his side until his very last day. Jere was a practical joker and a stranger to no one. A bit mischievous from the start, he would often find humor in picking on those around him. If he picked on you, it meant you were truly loved. He will be dearly missed by his numerous friends and family for all the fun times and stories he shared. Jere had *Life Memberships* in numerous organizations which included the **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter – Lancaster Chapter #1008**, Veterans of Vietnam War, AMVETS Post #19 in Pennsylvania and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #80. He was a member of HOGS (Harley Owners Group) since 2004. In Delaware, he also had memberships with VFW Post #7234 and the Moose Lodge #2542. His hobbies included collecting antiques and Native American memorabilia. He immensely loved spending all his free time at his second house in Delaware. He repeatedly said that he needed to go “mow” at the beach, which we all knew was just an excuse to go to the beach house as much as possible! He loved watching NASCAR races and the History Channel. He was preceded in death by his former wife Susan E. Gibson, who passed in 2016. He was also preceded in death by his beloved dog, Brutus. A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff and caregivers at the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute and Hospice and Community Care. We were so grateful for your compassion and kindness throughout his illness. A funeral service was held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM with Minister Michael Nagy officiating. There was a visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The interment was in the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, Millersville, PA with full military honors by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard and Vet 21-Gun Salute Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jere’s memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America <https://donate.voa.org> or Disabled Veterans of America <https://secure.dav.org> or the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org>.



DAVID LYNN “Dave” GLOVER - Died Friday, May 5, 2023 at Valley Health and Rehab in Chilhowie, Virginia at the age of 79. He was a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 4, 1944 in Kingsport to the late Joseph Lee “Joe” and Pearl Luna (née Click) Glover. Dave graduated from Lynn View High School in 1964. He worked at Tennessee Eastman Company in C. E. Division. David served in the 7th Engineer Battalion Alpha Company with the United States Marine Corps. He received several medals including the Purple Heart. He was a member of Higher Ground Baptist Church for 31 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. In addition to his parents, he was

preceded in death by his brothers, Eugene “Gene” and Delmar Lee Glover; grandparents, Tommy and Goldie (Taylor) Glover and George and Della (Shipley) Click. He is survived by his wife of almost 54 years, Brenda (née Wolfe) Glover; nephew, Anthony “Tony” Glover; great nieces, Ashton Glover and Brittany Shoemaker and their families of Mooresville, NC; special uncle, David Bland of Church Hill. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Higher Ground Baptist Church. A funeral service followed with Pastor Larry Anderson officiating. A military graveside was conducted at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Oak Hill Memorial Park with honors conducted by the American Legion Hammond Post #3/#265. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Those wishing to attend were asked to meet at the cemetery by 12:45 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Higher Ground Baptist Church, 1625 Lynn Garden Drive, Kingsport, TN 37665, Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38005, Samaritan’s Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607-1460. The Carter-Trent Funeral Home served the Glover family.

DANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN - Died Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in Ojai, California at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 24, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. The funeral service was held at 12:30 PM on October 21, 2022 in the Mount Sinai – Hollywood Hills Mount Sinai Chapel, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, California.



DAVID ALAN GRAVES, SR. - Died Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley, West Virginia at the age of 70, following a long illness. He was a resident of Lerona, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 20, 1952 at Brattleboro, Vermont to the late Francis Reome and Alice Rena Graves Shippee and stepfather Thurman Grayson Shippee. David served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force as a long-range radar technician, a former minister at Faith Outreach Ministries in Lerona since 1997, worked as parts technician for 16 years with Caterpillar in NC, former security guard at Pipestem State Park, former employee for the Mercer County Board of Education and was a leather craftsman for over 45 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. Preceded in death by one granddaughter, Leandra Belle Graves and one brother, Dana Wayne Shippee. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of fifty years, Dorothea Jean Chamberlain Graves; one daughter, Jodi Lynn Graves of Princeton; two sons, David Alan Graves Jr. and wife Sherry of Lerona and Anthony John Sweetser and wife Heather of Lerona; four grandchildren, Jordan and Madison Graves, Tanya Sweetser and Dustin Graves; three sisters, Elizabeth Bonnett of Kissimmee, FL, Linda Reid and husband Peter of Shelbourne Falls, MA and Lisa Shippee and husband David Magnant of Brattleboro, VT; five brothers, Thurman Shippee and wife Yvonne of Dummerston, VT, Todd Shippee and wife Valerie of Peru, NY, Dean Shippee and companion Angela Given of Vernon, VT, Scott Shippee and wife Maxine of New Hampshire and Mark Shippee and companion Shelly Mattson Clark of Moultonborough, NH; along with

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday April 20, 2023 at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors Chapel with Pastors Sandy and Rick Whittaker co-officiating. Visitation was from 10:30 AM until service time on Thursday at the funeral parlor. At David's request, cremation took place following the service.



BILLY GENE GRAY - Died Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in Charleston, Tennessee at the age of 74. He was formerly of Cleveland, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Antigo, Wisconsin on December 22, 1949 to the late Hubert and Shirley Gray. Bill was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He taught himself how to play guitar by ear, he loved watching golf and was a huge "Classic" country music fan. Bill spent many years volunteering with various veteran's organizations in Bradley County. He was a former Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #25 and served on the Honor Guard with the American Legion Post #81. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. In addition to his mother and father, Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Becky Gray; his stepfather Estelle "Bud" Fugett and brother Edward Vollrath. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his children: Stacey (James) Ridgell, Amanda "Mandy" (Matthew) Peticolas, James "Jimmy" (China) Gray; grandchildren Jeni (Mason) Boomer, Cera Peticolas, Dakota (Kody) Peticolas, and Amber Ridgell; siblings: Maurice Gray, Bob(Janet) Gray, Tim (Janice) Gray, Sister: Ora (Larry) Berg. Bill's family received friends on Friday, July 21st at the Cleveland Chapel of Companion Funeral Home from 10:00 until 12:00 Noon. A celebration of Bill's life was held at 12:00 Noon with burial at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be sent to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #25, ATTN: Doug Ayers, PO Box 684, Cleveland, TN 37364-0684 or American Legion Post #81, ATTN: Bradley County Honor Guard, C/O Rod Thompson, 227 James Asbury Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312. You are invited to share a personal memory of Bill or your condolences with his family at his online memorial located at www.companionfunerals.com.



VICTOR P. "Vic" HADDING, JR. - Died in the early morning of Saturday, February 4, 2023 in Elida, Ohio at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Lima, Ohio on October 18, 1943. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathy Hadding, his children, Teresa (Jeff) Adams, of Covington, GA, Tonia (Dennis) Morris, of Canton, GA, Lisa (Jorge) Cadena, of Windermere, FL, Richard (Tina) Hadding of Lima, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, many of whom inherited his piercing blue eyes. Vic served in the Vietnam War with the United States Army and returned to his hometown with a handmade Peace tattoo on his arm and the forever habit of pouring salt in his beer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. He retired in 2009 after working for two decades at Clark Equipment and

another 25 years for the Lima City Schools. In the early days, his were the broad shoulders from which kids were happily launched into various bodies of water, and in later years, he was the horse grandchildren rode in their living rooms. When out of eyesight, Vic could be located by listening for his whistling in the tool aisle, or for the jingle of what seemed to be 87 keys hanging from his belt-loop. The mystery of everything that could be unlocked with all those keys lives on with his passing. What has never been a mystery, however, is the unconditional love Vic had for his family. His adoration of Kathy, his soulmate of nearly 52 years, was plain to see for friends and strangers alike. His "whole world" – he needed nothing more. The soundtrack of Vic's familiar corny jokes and colorful phrases now play in the minds of his loved ones, bringing a smile to those who will miss him forever. The family received friends from 6:00–8:00 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2023 and from 2:00–4:00 PM on Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home, Lima, Ohio. A funeral service was held at 4:00 PM on Friday, February 10, 2023 at the Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home. Reverend Todd Cosart officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or Donor's Choice. The arrangements were all handled by the Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed at www.chamberlainhuckriede.com.

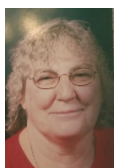


KATHLEEN JOAN "Kathy" (née Hellriegel) HAMMER - Died Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Pocono in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. She was a resident of Henryville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on March 28, 1948 in Irvington, New Jersey to the late Benjamin and Lorraine (née Hirt) Hellriegel. She graduated from Irvington High School and soon after moved to Randolph and resided there for 31 years where she raised her family. She later moved to Henryville, PA where she resided with her longtime companion, Gasper Fiorino. She worked for many years at AT&T as a Provisioning Specialist creating routing paths for Toll Free numbers and retired from there in 2004. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. Kathy loved animals, whether it was her adored dog, Gatsby or the many other pets she had over the years including cats, dogs, guinea pigs and parrots that she rescued. She also enjoyed bird watching, wildlife and hiking. She loved to take road trips, going on destination vacations and spontaneous day trips wherever the car would take her. As a child, she spent every summer at her Aunt and Uncle's camp, Mada Manor in Malone, NY with her siblings and cousins. Kathy also had a love for antiques and jewelry but above all else she loved to spend time with family, especially her Grandchildren and Great-Grandson. She is survived by her loving children Teri Anne Hammer-Rosenski of Rockaway, Robert M. and his wife Diane Hammer of Long Valley and her step son Michael Hammer Jr. of Point Pleasant, NJ. Her cherished grandchildren Joseph Rosenski, Jaqueline Rosenski, Jessica Rosenski, Meghan Hammer and Sydney Hammer, as well as her Great Grandson Brayden Ritcher. She is also survived by her sisters Lorraine Johnson, Deborah Harrington and her late brother Richard Hellriegel as well as a wealth of nieces and a nephew. Additionally, she is survived by her longtime companion, Gasper Fiorino. Memorial visitation was held on Sunday February 19, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Norman Dean Home

for Services, 16 Righter Avenue, Denville, NJ www.normandean.com with a religious and eulogy ceremony. A funeral reception was held afterwards. Memorial donations can be made in the name of Kathleen Hammer to the 11th Hour Animal Rescue by way of www.inmemof.org.



RUDOLPH FREDRICK "Rudy" HANDRICH - Died Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at Harbor Haven Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin at the age of 76. He was a resident of Ripon, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Rudy was born in Manawa, Wisconsin on November 7, 1946 to the late Rudolph and Sylvia (née Breed) Handrich. He graduated from Custer High School in 1965 and joined the United States Air Force. He served our country for three tours during the Vietnam War as an Explosive Specialist. In 1969, after his time in the service, he married Janice Pepin in Milwaukee, WI. He spent many years as a boiler engineer and as a deep tunnel construction worker. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trap shooting. Rudy and Janice moved to Ripon, WI in 2013. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the American Legion. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brillion Chapter #351**. Rudy was a very intelligent man with a curious mind; he was a forever student who enjoyed research and equations. He was known as a loving, caring, funny, gentle and brave man. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janice Handrich; children, Fredrick (Elizabeth) Handrich, Tracey (John) Bakken and Christina (Manuel) Garcia; grandchildren, Martin, Ricardo and Alejandra; step-grandchildren, PJ, Lisette and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Angel; siblings, Mary Gaffey-Handrich, Charles (Florence "Flo") Handrich, Lois (Joe) Huebert and Beth (Tom) Giese; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Sylvia Handrich and his in-laws, Edward and Claudia Pepin. Visitation for Rudy was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Our Saviour's United Church of Christ, 343 Scott Street, Ripon, WI. A memorial service for Rudy was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Our Saviour's United Church of Christ in Ripon, with Reverend Dr. Kevin P. Mundell officiating. You may view a livestream of Rudy's service at 12:00 Noon by visiting www.ButzinMarchant.com. A final salute and military honors followed the service at the church. The inurnment took place at Union Cemetery in the township of Union, WI, at a later date. A memorial was established in Rudy's name. Please visit www.ButzinMarchant.com to send online condolences.



JUDY E. HANES - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Penn Highlands DuBois, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. She was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 21, 1945 in DuBois to the late George and Anna (née Hauck) Reasinger. On October 30, 1982, in Emporium, she married Richard "Coco" Hanes, who survives. Together they shared more than 41 years of marriage. Judy was a lifelong resident of the area and graduate of DuBois High School. She enjoyed watching Nascar, and was always a

fan of Bill Elliott. She also loved visiting Rosie's Hilltop Diner for meals with her husband. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children; Lisa Fuenffinger of Saint Marys, Todd (Chris) Reasinger of CA, Dan (Lisa) Cuneo of OH, Melissa (Jim) McAninch of DuBois; as well as by numerous grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by a grandson; Justin Anthony Hanes and by numerous siblings. A Memorial Service for Judy E. Hanes was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Lynch-Green Funeral Home. Family and friends were received on Monday, June 19, 2023 at the Lynch-Green Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in the Saint Marys Catholic Cemetery. The Lynch-Green Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 151 North Michael Street, Saint Marys, PA 15857 handled the arrangements and online condolences may be offered to the family at www.lynchgreenfuneralhome.com.



STEVEN MICHAEL "Mike" HEFLIN - Died Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Tennova Hospital in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 77. He was a resident of Clarksville. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on December 17, 1945 in Clarksville to the late Rex and Gladys (née Melton) Heflin. He is survived by his siblings; Bonnie Carole Yarbrough (Dennis Rice) of Clarksville, Wayne (Carol) Heflin of Dickson, Tommy (Brenda) Heflin of Hermitage and David Heflin of Clarksville; his son, Caleb (Brandy) Slaughter of Clarksville; two grandsons, Caden and Keegan Slaughter; seven nieces and nephews, Terry Yarbrough, Veleka Yarbrough, Shannon Heflin, Shonda Heflin, Bronson Heflin, Chris Heflin and Kathryn Heflin; seven great-nieces and nephews; Lauren, Corbin, Farrin, McKinna, Kinzie, Jaxton, Willow, Teagan and Riahlynn and other family members. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and an active member of VFW Post #4895 in Clarksville and was the Post Commander from 2008-2011. He had a true Passion for helping others, especially Veterans. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. Mr. Heflin worked for Orgain Ready Mix from March 10, 1965 until his retirement on July 10, 2008. During that period, he also served his country during the Vietnam War as a Sergeant (E-5) in the United States Army. He was inducted in November of 1965 and honorably discharged in October of 1967. After returning from Vietnam, he returned to work at Orgain Ready Mix and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brothers and cousins, loved following all his grandkids, nieces and nephews in all their sporting events (he was a great sideline coach) and very active in daily activities at the VFW. A Celebration of Life was held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 in the Chapel of Neal Tarpley Parchman Funeral Home. The burial was at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard, Hopkinsville, KY. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW Post #4895, 1701 Haynes Street, Clarksville, TN 37043. The arrangements were entrusted to the Neal Tarpley Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN. Online condolences and live streaming of the service were made and viewed at www.nealtarpleyparchman.com.



FREDERICK B. "Fred" HELLMUTH - Died Wednesday, February 15, 2023 in Pittsford, Vermont at the age of 78, from ampullary cancer, with his wife and brother by his side. He was born on July 30, 1944 to the late Frederick C. Hellmuth and Hildred (née Whritenour) Hellmuth. He was raised on a dairy farm in Pleasant Mount, Pennsylvania. Fred graduated from Forest City Regional High School Class of 1962. Following graduation Fred enlisted in the United States Army, joining the Rangers, 1st Cavalry Division. He served honorably for 7 years with multiple tours to Vietnam. On his return home he worked at IBM while attending college earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Moving to Vermont in 1986, he continued his studies while employed, attaining a Master of Science Degree in Quality Control Analysis (thank you IBM). A lifelong horse enthusiast, Fred competed in rodeo, raced stock cars, restored classic cars and motorcycles, competed with a dog sled team and was a model railroader. He was a *Life Member* and proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Rutland Chapter #1**; American Legion Post #87, West Rutland; Patriot Guard Riders; U.S. Veterans MC; the Studebaker Drivers Club; Green Mountain Draft Horse Assn.; NRA; and a member of The Old Car Guys as well as fostering for Australian Shepherd Rescue. Fred was often seen driving his 1963 Studebaker Lark Daytona convertible throughout the state. His Studebaker was featured in the movie *The Truth About Santa Claus*. He could also be found boxing maple candy at the sugarhouse during the Rutland Fair. He is survived by the love of his life, Christine (née Sitek) Giddings, whom he married April 11, 2003, his dog Rainey and horse Dustin. Also his brother Gregory Hellmuth (Karen) of Montrose, PA. and five children by previous marriage: Gregory (Jessica) of Pittsford, VT; Kurt of Baltimore, MD; Samuel of Middlebury, VT; Amanda LaGasse (Andrew) of West Haven, VT; and Karl of Burlington, VT.; sister-in-law Sally Garofano of Rutland, VT; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. "IT'S BEEN QUITE A RIDE - NO REGRETS" In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's name to VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland, VT 05701; Gerda's Equine Rescue, 5825 VT 30, Townsend, VT 05353; or Patriot Guard Riders, 75 South Bingham St, Cornwall, VT 05753. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Clifford Funeral Home, 2 Washington Street, Rutland, VT. The burial with military honors was at Saint Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, West Rutland, VT. A reception followed at the American Legion. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Karina from VNA and Hospice; also to Meredith, Eva, Mary, Nolene, Linda, Adi and Mitzi, the hospice team at RRMHC. To neighbors and friends - thank you seems so inadequate. You are the best. To Fred's brother Greg for your incredible support. And to Amanda. The arrangements were made by the Clifford Funeral Home.



WILLIAM EDWARD HENRY - Died Monday, February 13, 2023 at Martinsburg (West Virginia) Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the age of 80. He was a resident of Stanley, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fairmont, West Virginia on July 19, 1942 to the late Samuel E. and Rosalie (née Feather) Henry. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter**

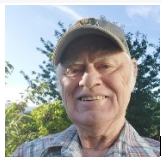
#1061. He was retired as a hydraulic engineer working mostly in sales. He also taught high school in Fairmont and Pennsylvania. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years Barbara (née Tucker) Henry; two sons, Charles Thayer and his wife Christina and David Thayer and his wife Flavia; two daughters, Amy McBride and Leigh Hensley and her husband Jeffrey; one sister, Sharon McCormley and her husband Patrick; six grandchildren, Christopher Thayer, Steven E. Hensley, Bejan Modarressi, Shaheen Modarressi, Sarah Modarressi and Aryia Modarressi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one nephew Zack McCormley. Friends visited the family at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and on Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM with Pastor Larry Buckland officiating. The burial took place in the Grandview Memorial Gardens where full military honors were conducted by the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard assisted by the West Virginia National Guard from Camp Dawson.



MICHAEL L. HORSCH (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on February 18, 1950 the second of five children to the late Patrick and Beverly Horsch. After spending most of his childhood in rural Alabama, the family moved to Michigan. After graduating from Bentley High School, Livonia, MI, in 1968, he enlisted in the United States Army, subsequently serving two tours in Vietnam. After serving in Vietnam, Michael attended Eastern Michigan University and earned a BA in Business. In civilian life, Michael became a licensed builder and real estate agent and owner of Horsch Roofing Company. He was a member of several local associations, including the Construction Association of Michigan, Remodelers Assoc. of Ann Arbor, and the Ann Arbor Realtors Association. Michael was a highly decorated Vietnam Combat Veteran, earning his commission at Eastern Michigan University Army ROTC program and retired with the rank of Major. He had *Lifetime Memberships* in the 101st Airborne Association, Distinguished Flying Cross Society, VFW Post #423, Ann Arbor, **Vietnam Veteran of America - Ann Arbor Chapter #310** and the American Legion Post #526, Wright Patterson Air Force Base Fairborn, Ohio. He is also a listed Honoree on the Distinguished Flying Cross Roster at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C. Michael was a proud father to Brett M. Horsch, who passed away from cancer in April, 2022, leaving an enormous hole in his heart. He is also preceded in death by his parents, Patrick H. Horsch and Beverly K Horsch, and two brothers: Patrick H. Horsch, Jr. and Thomas E. Horsch. He will be deeply missed by his sister, Rosemarie A. Horsch and brother Richard (partner, Angellar LaCour) Longview. A Memorial Gathering was held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 from 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM at Nie Family Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor. Memorial Service was at 2:00 PM. The interment of his cremated remains was held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested making memorial contributions to The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #423, PO Box 2509, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.



THOMAS L. "Tom" HYATT - Died Saturday, May 6, 2023 in Oregon, Ohio at the age of 78, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. Tom was born on January 17, 1945 in Hagerstown, Maryland to the late Milton and Lena (née Raymer) Hyatt. His childhood and school years were in Massapequa, Long Island New York graduating in 1963. Tom earned a degree in engineering from the University of Toledo where he was a founding member of Sigma Tau Fraternity. In 1968, Tom began service with the United States Army in Vietnam, in a front-line combat role with the 11th Armored Core. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35** and the American Legion. On September 2, 1972, in Toledo, Ohio, he married his soulmate, Deborah Rought. Tom retired as an engineer from Toledo Edison. In retirement, Tom and Deb enjoyed wintering in Florida close to family. They were members of Cedar Creek Church and enjoyed serving support functions and participating in bible studies. Tom treasured family gatherings, camping and vacations with his extended family, providing lifelong memories. Tom's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and spent countless hours making photo albums of his grandchildren's activities. Tom is survived by his wife of 50 years, Deb; daughter Chris (Dan); son, Mike (Melissa); grandchildren, Dakota, Megan (Dalton), Kayla, Brayden, Brandon, Ashton, and DJ (Maggie); great-grandchildren, Nate, Decker, and Melody; brother, Don (Diane); special nephew Steve (Lynn); special niece, Debbie (Mark); along with many loving family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family received friends at the Eggleston Meinert and Pavley Funeral Home, Oregon Chapel, 440 South Coy Road on Friday, May 12, 2023 from 2:00–8:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM in Cedar Creek Church, Oregon Campus, 3540 Seaman Road, where the family greeted friends at 10:00 AM. The interment took place in the North Oregon Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Cedar Creek Church.



NORMAN HAROLD "Norm" JENNY – Died Saturday, February 4, 2023 at his home in Sedro-Woolley, Washington at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Norm was born on August 1, 1949, in Sitka, Alaska to the late Harold Milford and Alma Eloise Jenny. He was a United States Navy veteran and served as an electrician for over 20 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clear Lake Chapter #1109**. Upon retirement, Norm moved to Sedro-Woolley with his wife, Zeny. As a young man, Norm loved the outdoors and spending time relaxing and fishing on the river with his parents. Later in life, Norm enjoyed traveling and sightseeing. He always helped people as best as he could, which included random acts of kindness. Norm had a very giving heart. Besides his wife and children, Norm's closest friends were Dora, Jay, Rosie, and Angel, whom he loved dearly. He also loved his most cherished cat, Chris, like a child. Norm also loved his church family at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He attended Mass with Zeny every Wednesday and Saturday. Norm also attended Mass and

rosary every weekday morning via the church's streaming service. Norm is survived by his wife, Zenaida "Zeny"; children, Glina Blanchard, Lynn Shipley (Scott), Kimberly Pressley (Justin), Susan Cagulada (Mario), and Aquiles Ombria (Anabelle); 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; siblings, Marianne, Carolyn, Betty Jo, Dave, Walter, Alan, and Doug. Norm was predeceased by his parents, Harold Milford Jenny and Alma Eloise Jenny and siblings, Victor, Susan, and Sandy. A Memorial Mass was celebrated by Reverend Father Vic at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 719 Ferry Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA. Please share your memories of Norm and sign the online guest register.



RICHARD BURLIN JEWELL - Died Monday, June 5, 2023 at his home in Whispering Pines, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in DuBois, Pennsylvania on October 14, 1947 to the late Burlin and Esther Jewell. Richard joined the United States Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam and Saudi Arabia. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. He graduated from Sandhills Community College and West Virginia University with a bachelor's and master's degree. Richard was an engineer specializing in energy management and during his career worked with Phillips 66 Pipeline, ConocoPhillips and Koch Industries. He retired in 2009 and moved to Moore County, NC in 2011. While living in Moore County Richard volunteered his time and energy serving fallen servicemen and women through the Patriot Guard Riders where he served as State Captain for several years. Richard is survived by his wife of 51 years Lara (née Black) Jewell; daughters Lesley Jewell of Oak Island, NC; Gretchen Jewell and husband Patrick Ferries of Summerfield, NC; son Patrick Jewell and wife Heather of Sand Springs, OK; brother-in-law Bob Morse of DuBois, PA; and five grandchildren: Hadley, Ace, Aubry, Presley and Rhett. He was preceded in death by his sister Joyce Morse and survived by his Patriot Guard Brothers and Sisters. The family received friends at the Fry and Prickett Funeral Home in Carthage, NC on Sunday, June 11th from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM. Following the visitation, the family processed with a Patriot Guard Riders escort to West End Cemetery for a graveside service with military honors at 2:30 PM. Memorials may be made to NC Patriot Guard Riders at <https://www.patriotguard.org/nc-state-page>.



DANNY WILLIAM JOERGENSEN - Died Monday, May 8, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois at the age of 80. He was a resident of Belleville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 19, 1942 in East Saint Louis, Illinois to the late Peter and Agnes (née Murphy) Joergensen. Mr. Joergensen worked as a steam turbine repair specialist for 20 years and as a welding tech teacher. He was a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the VFW riders, the Knights of Columbus Council #1028, and a *Life*

Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Breese Chapter #269. Danny was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, an avid golfer, and crew chief of a dirt racing team. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Agnes (née Murphy) Joergensen; a stepdaughter, Lisa Patterson; and many brothers and sisters. Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Judith (née Hoffmann) Joergensen, whom he married on August 15, 1986; two daughters, Robin Joergensen and Kimberlie Joergensen; a stepdaughter, Sonya Edmondson; ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; a brother, Peter Joergensen, Jr; and nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Saint Mary Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, or to any disabled veteran organization. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com. Visitation hours were held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL, and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Belleville, IL. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Saint Mary Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, with Reverend Father Michael Arockiam officiating. A procession left at 9:45 AM on Monday, May 15, 2023 from George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, IL, for a 10:30 AM burial with military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis, MO.

BISHOP TALL JOSEPH JOHNSON – Died Monday, January 9, 2023 in Jersey City, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related diabetes mellitus-Type II and ischemic heart disease. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on February 17, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from July 31, 1965 to July 30, 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800*. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ, 633 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ. A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 12th 2023 at 7:00 PM at the same location.



DR. CARL WILLIAM JOHNSON - Died peacefully on Monday, April 17, 2023 in Chico, California at the age of 81, with his family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mound Valley, Kansas on February 11, 1942 to the late Harold M. Johnson and Mildred C. Johnson. He was a humble man who demonstrated kindness, integrity, compassion, intelligence, and honesty. He loved to talk, made people laugh and was always interested in hearing other peoples' stories. Carl cared deeply about the welfare of people throughout the world as evidenced by his passion for improving quality and quantity in rice varieties. He led by example and emphasized the importance of hard work, lifelong friendships, and loyalty to principles. Carl was born at home near Mound Valley, Kansas, in the southeastern part of that state. He grew up as an only child to Mildred C. and Harold M. Johnson. At an early age he was tasked with responsibilities that included milking cows each morning before school and driving a grain harvester at age 5. He attended Mound Valley public schools, graduating in 1960 with a class of 10 students. Carl matriculated from Coffeyville Junior College (AA), Kansas State University (BS), North Dakota State University (MS), culminating in a PhD in Agricultural Genetics and Statistics. In the time between his MS and PhD he served 3 years in the United States Army.

He underwent Basic Training at Fort Lewis in Washington state and later attended courses in Meteorology at Fort Monmouth, NJ. Soon thereafter, he was notified that he had received a direct commission to become an officer in the Chemical Corp. He underwent further training in Fort McClellan, Alabama and upon graduation was assigned to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver, Colorado. It was at this time that Carl and Faye married. Carl and Faye met at the Lutheran Student Center in Fargo, North Dakota. Their initial meeting ended with a spirited discussion "disagreement" regarding Jonah and the Whale biblical story. They embodied the principle that you can be in disagreement with someone's opinions but love the person they are. They married on September 28, 1968 at the Oak Park Lutheran Church, rural Oklee, MN. Following his military service, they lived in Lincoln, NE and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where they both attained graduate degrees; Carl earned a PhD. Their first daughter, Catherine was born during this time. Brenda was born a year later. Carl began his 34-year career at the Rice Experiment Station in Biggs, CA for the California Cooperative Rice Research Foundation (CCRRF). He was instrumental in the release of 38 rice varieties to the growers; particularly exceptional ones include: industry standards M-202, M-205, M206 and M-208. He was instrumental in obtaining USDA Plant Variety Protection for CCRRF varieties and was investigator for multiple utilities on rice cultivars. Additionally, he played a major role in the release of 10 premium quality medium grains and waxy varieties, as well as contributor to 10 long-grains and several germ plasm releases. The return to California rice growers during his tenure at CCRRF is conservatively estimated at more than \$1 billion. Carl received numerous recognitions and awards on the state, national and international levels for excellence in rice breeding throughout his career. Some of these include Sigma Xi, Science Honorary Society, Distinguished Service in Agriculture from Kansas State University; Genetics and Plant Breeding Award from the Crop Science Society, the California Rice Industry Award; and the Distinguished Service Award from the Rice Technical Working Group. The family enjoyed numerous trips to the Midwest over the years. Travel for Carl and Faye expanded to include several cruises; of particular interest were the ones to the Panama Canal, Hawaii, and Mexico. They also traveled to Normandy, France as well as several other European locations. Carl and Faye visited Australia and New Zealand where Carl was a Visiting Professor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paradise Chapter #582**. Carl is survived by his wife, Faye, who will miss him making morning coffee, filling water bottles and the multiple Hallmark cards to mark any occasion. Cards included his prolific reflections, written in his hard to decipher, but rewarding writings. Daughters include Catherine (Sheryl), grandchildren Lily Vallombrosa and Maeve Catherine; and Brenda (Chris), grandchildren Adam Carl, Matthew Michael, and Luke Nolan. Also surviving are a niece Debbie (Matt) and nephew Daniel as well as several cousins. He was predeceased by his parents Mildred C. and Harold M. Johnson; step-mother Mildred I. Johnson; parents-in-law Malcolm and Opal Stucy and Nancy Teigland, sister-in-law and Gene Teigland, brother-in-law. A Celebration of life was held on June 25th at 11:30 AM which follows the regular Sunday service that concludes at 11:00 AM. Guests had an opportunity to share their memories and reflection on Carl's life. A reception followed the service. Carl's ashes were interred in the Columbarium at Faith Lutheran Church. More details including a live-streaming service can be found here: [Celebration of Life for Carl Johnson | Fellowship | Faith Lutheran Church \(chicofaithlutheran.org\)](http://chicofaithlutheran.org) In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made thru this website to support Faith Lutheran Church/Lutheran World Relief, to educate female plant geneticists, or to support young female

hunters. <https://gofund.me/93f4c931> Faith Lutheran is located at 667 East First Avenue, Chico, CA 95926.



BERNARD JESSE "Buddy" JONES - Died Monday, February 20, 2023 at home in Ocean City, Maryland at the age of 76. He was previously of Edgewater, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. Buddy was born on January 12, 1947, in Washington, DC to the late Bernard and Dorothy Jones. He honorably served his country while in the United States Marine Corps. Following his discharge, Buddy worked for Sheet Metal Union Local #100. He was a longtime member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocean City Chapter #1091**. Buddy enjoyed fishing, hanging out with family and friends, and selling tickets for Queen of Hearts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Lovejoy. Buddy is survived by three children, Nicholas Jones of Edgewater, MD, Valerie Ward of Edgewater, MD, and Dawn Hignut of Goldsboro, MD; his former spouse of 15 years, Janet Jones; two sisters, Debbie Jones of Ocean City, MD, and Donna Davis of Ocean Pines, MD; five granddaughters, Amber, Ashley, and Cheyenne Collet, Lauren Ryder, and Addison Jones; four grandsons, Jesse Runyon, Jeffrey Harris, Robert Ryder, and Ethan Jones; 17 great-grandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and 11 great-nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to celebrate Bernard's life on Friday, March 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Kalas Funeral Home, 2973 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD, where a funeral service was held on Saturday at 12:00 Noon. The interment was held in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham on Monday, March 20th at 1:00 PM. Please leave a condolence for the family by using the memories tab on this page.



ROGER ALVAH KARN - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 in East Syracuse, New York at the age of 83. The cause of death was Agent Orange ischemic heart disease ultimately ending in a fatal heart attack. Roger was born in West Groton, New York on February 21, 1940 to the late Ernest Karn, Sr. and Mildred "June" Karn and was one of six children. He graduated Genoa Central School in 1958, enlisted in the United States Army and completed a thirteen-month tour in Korea. Roger met the love of his life, Barbara (née Kappler) Karn in 1961. They were married in Utica, NY, on August 18, 1962. In 1967, Roger and Barb welcomed their first son, Daniel "Danny" Karn. Roger was chosen as one of eight Honor Guards for John F. Kennedy's Inauguration in 1960 and was presented with his Dress Blues by John F. Kennedy himself. This is a memory that Roger cherished and reflected on throughout his life. In 1970, Roger attended the Army Aviation School: Warrant Officer Course/Rotary Wing Aviator School in Mineral Wells, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama. Following Aviation School, he completed AH1G Cobra Training in Savannah, Ga. During his tenure in the US Army, he would become an Instrument-Rated, Fixed Wing Pilot and Instrument Examiner and served one tour in Vietnam

1970-71. Roger, Barb and Danny resided in Germany for three years beginning in 1971. In 1972, Barb and Roger welcomed another son, Roger. While in Germany, Roger flew helicopters, diligently guarding the border between East and West Germany. He continued to serve as a pilot in the US Army until he was honorably discharged in 1977. He then piloted for the US Government from 1977-1981 during which time he was tasked with test-piloting experimental flight systems and weapons. Following a successful career as a pilot, Roger worked as a mechanic in Genoa, at Greek Peak in Virgil and at Cazenovia Equipment. During this time, Roger was a hardworking Beefalo and Pig Farmer. He went to work for the Town of Cortlandville, from where he retired in 2002. It was soon after retirement that Roger's love of antique tractors became much more than a hobby and he would eventually serve as the President of the Tractor of Yesteryear Club (T.O.Y.S.) and was instrumental in developing the agricultural exhibit for the CNY Living History Museum. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. Roger was predeceased by both parents, his brother, Ernest "Stub" Karn Jr., and his sister-in-law, Priscilla [Bruce] Karn, brothers in law, Vance Wood and John Hoffman. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Barb Karn, two devoted sons, Dan [Shana] and Roger [Melissa] Karn. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Teall Karn, Melanie Pitcher, Miranda VanDonsel; two great-grandsons, Cooper, who shares Grandpa's passion for tractors, and Danny VanDonsel; two step-grandchildren, Carter and Cameron Martin; and three sisters, to whom he was very close, Catherine Wood, Sharon [Gary] Napieracz and Penny Hoffman; his brother, Bruce [Pam] Karn; sister-in-law, Roberta Karn, and several nieces and nephews. The hundreds of friends and acquaintances he developed as a result of his passion for antique tractors will miss his enthusiasm and his vast knowledge. His close friends and family truly enjoyed and will miss most his incredible stories, his booming voice and his surprising sense of humor. His granddaughters and great grandsons will miss the larger-than-life man who truly was nothing more than their own personal teddy bear—always eager to make them smile and giggle. He was loved beyond measure. Funeral Services were held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Shurtleff Funeral Home, 103 Lincoln Avenue, Groton. Friends visited at the funeral home from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon, preceding the service. The interment with military honors was at the Baker Cemetery in Moravia. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made specifically to the agricultural exhibit of the CNY Living History Museum, 4386 US-Route 11, Cortland NY 13045.



LEONARD R. KAROLCZAK – Died Wednesday, May 3, 2023 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 17, 1946 to the late Lawrence and Mary Karolczak. Cherished husband of 23 years to Ruby Karolczak; dear brother of Gene (Joann) Karolczak, Pat (the late Richard) Schwartz, and Chris (Tom) Haun; dearest brother-in-law of Lisa (Jim) Tooloose; loved cousin, uncle, and friend to many. Leonard is preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Mary Karolczak. Leonard proudly and honorably

served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**, the VFW, and Jasss. Leonard will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorial donations may be made to Saints Joachim and Anne Care Service or Saints Joachim and Anne Catholic Church.

CHRISTOPHER NATHAN “Chris” KASNER - Died Friday, June 2, 2023 at the Franklin Memorial Hospital, Waiuku, New Zealand at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Joining his beloved wife, Peggy (Margaret). Father to Christiana; stepfather to Tamara and Charles; grandfather to Ryan, Eldon, Andreas, Lia, Eli and Christopher Noah; father-in-law to Juan, Trevor, and Ursula. Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the Counties Home Care team over the past 5 years, and Franklin Hospice. The funeral service was held at the Pukekohe Performing Arts in NZ on Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 AM - NZST (Saturday, 24 June CET 1:00 AM, EDT; Friday, 23 June 7:00 PM, ETC 4:00 PM). For livestreaming details please contact the family. Donations may be made to the Franklin Hospice New Zealand.

STEVEN H. KOHLREITER - Died Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in Washington Township, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on August 22, 1950. He served in the United States Navy from January 6, 1970 to September 4, 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia Kohlreiter; his daughter and son-in-law, Diane Steiner and her husband Justin; two grandchildren, Sophia Grace and Justin James, and; his sister, Vikki Hughes. Family and friends were welcomed at Basralian Funeral Home, 559 Kinderkamack Road in Oradell on Sunday, April 2nd from 4:00-7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, 668 Ridgewood Road in Washington Township on Monday, April 3rd at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the Saint Nicholas Cemetery in Lodi. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to Missionary Servants-Blessed, 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136.



GARY P. KRYNSKI - Died Friday, June 16, 2023 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 72, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Gary was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 27, 1950 to the late Clarence and Felice Krynski. Gary is the beloved husband of 50 years to Betty Krynski; Loving father of Scott (Brittany) Krynski and Breanna McKinnon; Treasured grandfather of Evan McKinnon, Elizabeth Grace Krynski, Morgan McKinnon, Allyson Krynski, and Benjamin Krynski; Dear brother of Barbara Bonino and Karen Wysocki; Close friend of Jim and Kristy Yntema and Paul Dembinski. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He was his grandkids' biggest fan, and loved attending their sporting events when he could. Gary was an avid hunter and loved to be up north looking after the Cabin (DNHC) in Luzerne, Michigan. He also was a proud Vietnam Veteran and was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville (Florida) Chapter #1046**, a chapter of the VVA that he really bonded and felt shared community with when Gary spent time living in Jacksonville with his daughter. He was formerly a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Gary was deeply loved and will be sorely missed. A visitation was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 3:00-8:00 PM at the Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, MI. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM, with an instate beginning at 10:00 AM at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, MI. Gary was laid to rest at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Gary's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Fund. Fond memories and condolences may be shared at www.kaul-fh.com for the Krynski family.



JAMES HARVEY LASLEY - Died Thursday, May 11, 2023 in Bethel, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1948 to the late Harvey and Juanita (née Taylor) Lasley. He married Patricia (née Arnold) Lasley on May 3, 1969 and she preceded him in death. James was a loving father to James (Dana) Lasley and Amy (Mark) Ritt, a cherished grandfather to Jacob, Christina (Aaron), Zach (Michaela), Katherine (Austin) and the late Michael. James was also a devoted great-grandfather to Zachary, Makenzi, Bryson, Zaydan, Mason, and the late Austin. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #649**. Care entrusted to Moore Family Funeral Homes. The family received friends and loved ones on Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the Moore Family Funeral Homes, 225 Spring Street,

Batavia, Ohio. The burial was in the Tate Township Cemetery. Donations in James' honor may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

RICHARD P. LEWIS – Died Friday, April 21, 2023 in Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on September 17, 1944. He served in the United States Army from December 1965 to September 1967 with a tour in Vietnam from November 1966 to September 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



ARTHUR EDWARD "Rocky" LISCANO - Died Tuesday, May 30, 2023 in Clovis, California at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Arthur was born in Fresno, California on September 20, 1946. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army in Vietnam serving in Qui Nhon with the 458th Transportation Company PBR 127th Military Police PBR. While there he was injured and received the Purple Heart Award. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933**. Arthur is survived by his wife, Tanya Liscano; his stepson, Brian R. Keefe (Joanne); his stepson, Gary N. Keefe (Christine); and his stepdaughter, Susan G. Condley (James); his sister, Marcella Osterhaus, his sister, Bernadette Liscano, his sister, Marie Ansari, his brother, Frank Liscano and his sister, Pauline Gines, an; his grandson, Kyle Condley. Arthur was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Liscano and his brother, Michael Liscano. A Graveside Service for Arthur was held on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Peter's Catholic Cemetery, 264 North Blythe Avenue, Fresno, California. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.boicefuneralhome.com for the Liscano family.



DOCTOR VIRGIL DON LOFTIS – Died Friday, June 16, 2023 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death was a heart attack, caused by exposure to Agent Orange in the Vietnam War and hastened by COVID-19. He was born in Daisy, Tennessee on August 14, 1941 to the late Virgil Varner Loftis and Alma Irene (née Layne) Loftis. A decorated war hero of the Vietnam War, he was the recipient of multiple Bronze Stars, 47 Air Medals, and two Distinguished Flying Crosses, awarded for heroism as an advance and reconnaissance pilot in a fixed wing Cessna L-19 "Birdog" aircraft. He often found himself armed with only a sidearm and smoke bombs due to ammunition shortages, but saved many lives with his daring exploits and was individually targeted by the enemy with bounties. He was also awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was also an Aerial Artillery Adjustment Instructor and an Instrument Instructor Pilot in Germany while on active duty. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942. A native of Daisy, Tennessee, he attended local schools, graduating from Soddy Daisy High School in 1959. He was very much aware of the difference in his life that a few good teachers made by recognizing his talent and intelligence, even when his school behavior was less than stellar. He was always heroic, once saving a man from drowning in Soddy Lake, and was always the first to reach out to those who were unpopular, neglected, and felt left out. He attended Middle Tennessee State University for his Bachelor's Degree, majoring in Math with a minor in Secondary Education and English Literature. He then volunteered for the United States Army and fought with great valor in the Vietnam War. After returning home from the Army, he taught at John Allen Elementary, then he attended the University of Alabama for his Master's and his Doctorate Degrees, where he met the unquestioned love of his life, his best friend, and his life partner, Kathy McMahan. They married and had two very beloved children. He then pursued what would be his life's great work and dedicated himself to education. He worked at George Wallace Community College in Dothan, Alabama, where he helped veterans get vocational training. He worked as a civilian employee of the Army as Coordinator of PREP Programs at Eagle University at Fort Campbell Kentucky. He then returned to Soddy Daisy where he would live out his life. His passion for education was transformational in Hamilton County. He worked for Hamilton County Government helping veterans and others find job training and employment under the old County Judge system of government as Director of Community Development under County Judge Don Moore. An early Administrator of TEAM Evaluation Center, he helped build a center that helps special needs children get diagnoses and services. For the rest of his professional career, he would be dedicated to providing the best possible Special Education services to the children of Hamilton County. He was then elected by the Hamilton County Commission to be Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, a position he would hold until his retirement for 18 years. His formative experiences as a teacher in a then-rural John Allen Elementary School made it clear to him that no child could be expected to learn when they are hungry and lack proper care. He was absolutely determined that no child would miss a hot meal in Hamilton County Schools, regardless of economic circumstance. He grew the vocational school system in Hamilton County into two dedicated, world class vocational schools with the absolute finest craftsmen, mechanics, and instructors in the region. A generation of tradespeople got a head start at Sequoyah Vocational School and Harrison Bay Vocational School. He believed intensely in the benefits of ROTC and was on the National Army Advisory Panel for that program. He was a supporter of the local Armed Forces Day Parade and served on the board for the event for many years. Dr. Loftis revolutionized fundraising for Hamilton County Schools by creating the Public Education Foundation and the Kids First fundraising initiative. He created the before and after school care program in Hamilton County Schools. His accomplishments in education are too numerous to list, but under his leadership, Hamilton County Schools flourished, with several schools being recognized as National Schools of Excellence. He led many innovative programs to lower dropout rates and increase the quality of education for all children. He was an astute politician, taking glee in defeating proposals that he considered to be counterproductive or ill-advised, making a few enemies over the years, but gathering far more loyal friends. He had many great mentors in the political arena, and learned that there's always a good tactic available if you know how many votes you've got. He was masterful in raising money for Hamilton County Schools and was always willing to try a new idea to fund needed programs. He was passionate about parent involvement and build a PTA program throughout the Hamilton County School

system. He loved to tell a good story, but he loved to hear one even more. He surrounded himself with characters who could tell a great story. He was a soft touch for somebody in a tough spot, quietly giving out loans that he knew would never be repaid. He found jobs for people who needed them. He would always make a phone call or reach out to help out a friend. After his retirement, those friends were always on hand, dropping by “the office” at his home to share stories and seek advice. He was counselor and friend to many. He could build, repair, or rework anything that broke. He kept a spectacular garden. He was a shockingly good cook who specialized in large roasts of meat, beans and greens, and desserts. Whenever his children, David and Dana, called, he was on hand to help. He raised them to be strong-willed, independent, and always know their value. His children were never treated as inferior and were included in every conversation as equal members of a tight-knit family. He had little patience for willful ignorance or for anybody who didn’t want better for their own kids than they had. He kept learning and reading throughout his life. He was a lifelong Democrat who believed in feminism, human rights, equality, and science. He was a larger than life character who leaves an incredible hole in his family and his community. He adored his wife Kathy and would do anything to make her happy. They were a true life partnership, traveling together, building a business after their retirement, and always serving as home base for an extended family that included not just family, but their own friends and their children’s friends. He is predeceased by his mother, Alma Irene (Layne) Loftis and father, Virgil Varner Loftis, and by his son, David Brown Loftis. Dr. Loftis is survived by his wife, Kathryn M. Loftis, his daughter, Dana Layne Chadwell, and his son-in-law Scott Chadwell. He is also survived by his brother, William David Loftis and his sister-in-law Cathy Loftis, as well as many nieces and nephews. Memorial Services were held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Legacy Funeral Home with the Reverends Mitch McClure and David Testerman as co-officiants. The family received friends on Friday, June 23, 2023 from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM at the Legacy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the Loftis and Chadwell families requested that contributions be made to: The Kidney Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, 931 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403 or to the Heart and Lung Institute Erlanger Foundation, 975 East Third Street, Suite #B-508, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403. To share memories, photos or condolences, please visit www.legacyfuneralhome.com. The arrangements were made by the Legacy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8911 Dallas Hollow Road, Soddy-Daisy, TN.



RICHARD A. “Rick” LUTZ - Died Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at his home in Massillon Ohio at the age of 75, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on October 10, 1947 to the late William G. and Dolores Lutz and was a 1965 graduate of Fairless High School. He was a United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam from 1967-1969. Rick worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad and later started CCI with his brothers-in-law and retired in 2010. He was a member of the Harr-Reese American Legion in Brewster where he served as the commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter #199**. He enjoyed sports, golf, weight lifting, traveling and fishing in

Florida. He was smart, funny, kind and was able to read a room and help others who felt uncomfortable. He was a good provider and always took care of his family. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rayne (née Hanlin) Lutz; children, Scott Lutz and Alyson Lutz; grandchildren, Cade and Kensi Lutz; and sisters, Connie Bendure and Cindy (Bill) Talerico. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Lutz, Jr. Friends visited on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Spidell Funeral Home in Brewster. The burial took place at a later date in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harr-Reese American Legion in Brewster or the charity of your choice.



KEITH C. MARK – Died Sunday, June 25, 2023 in the care of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center at the age of 73. He was a resident of Lockport, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on June 17, 1950 the eldest son of the late Philip and Dorothea Mark. He acquired many wonderful stories and friends on his adventure through life. He loved to tell his tales to his nieces and nephews at family gatherings. Stories about him and his childhood buddy Ronnie shooting rats from the roof of the chicken coop and their time in the woods on the farm. While in Vietnam, divine intervention, is what he claimed saved him from a grenade attack on the hut he called home. It was a blessing he was spared, because he was only 20 at the time and had so much life to live still. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268*. One of his greatest loves was motorcycles, specifically the Harley-Davidsons he had owned. His dear friends Bob and Linda Peterson would not only share miles on the roads riding together but vacation together as well. Keith shared stories of a train ride they took to New Orleans and some mishaps along the way. Those troubles, could have ruined a trip for most people, but not him. He smiled ear to ear telling the tale! Keith was always concerned for others. Their safety and their freedoms. He was a member of Niagara Chapter of ABATE to inform about helmet laws. As an electrician at General Motors he maintained equipment to be safe to operate and worked in the training center, as a safety representative, to train employees. He felt everyone should go home from work the way they came to work. Keith battled health issues for many years. He would still make it to the family gatherings to see everyone. Many times it would have been wiser to stay home but he came anyway. He truly loved his family. We will always miss his kind heart. He leaves behind his sister Ann and Chuck Horton. His younger sister Joan (late Narvie) Salter. His brother Paul Mark passed on in 2008. Nieces and nephews include Heather and Dan Mayer, Brett Mayer and Kolby Mayer. Jenna and Charlene Mark. Steven (Janet) Hartman. Friends and Family came to visit at the Rutland-Corwin Funeral Home, Inc. 2670 Main Street, Newfane, NY on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM where Memorial Services were held at 2:00 PM. The burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery. Memorials to Lockport VFW, 112 Caledonia Street, Lockport, NY 14094 would be appreciated by the family.



WILLIAM RICHARD "Dick" McCool - Died Friday, July 14, 2023 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 19, 1945 in Batesville, Indiana to Helen (née Schmaltz) Zimmer and the late Prosber W. McCool. He served his country as a member of the United States Air Force. William was retired from Pernod Distilleries and the Lawrenceburg Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Lawrenceburg American Legion and also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Moores Hill Chapter #71*. William is survived by his loving spouse, Christine (née Paulson) McCool; mother, Helen Zimmer; children, Kimberly Ann (Danny) Brooks-McCool, Patrick W. (Angie) McCool; grandchildren, Carly, Jackson and Nicole; stepgrandchild, Hunter Showalter; sister, Suzanne Craig and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by father, Prosber W. McCool; sister, Joan; uncle, Leo McCool; aunt, Ruby McCool. Friends were received on Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon at the Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, 542 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church at 12:00 Noon. The interment was in the Greendale Cemetery, Greendale, IN. Military graveside services were conducted by the Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard. Contributions may be made to the Saint Lawrence School or Knights of Columbus.

JOHN H. McMILLAN – Died Friday, June 23, 2023 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 80. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on February 21, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310*.



RICHARD JOSEPH MICUCCI – Died Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Philadelphia on June 7, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Rosalie (née Muldrew) Micucci; the father of Joseph, Michael (Allison), Frank, and Kimberly Donnelly (Joseph); Pop-Pop of Kayla, Joseph, Kevin, Mikai, Molli, Cooper, Vincent, Joseph, and Grace, and; great-grandfather of Bella. He is also survived by his brother, Frank. He served in the United States Navy from November 4, 1965 to October 31, 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #210*. Relatives and friends were invited to pay respects **on** Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9:00-9:45 AM at Christ the King Church, 3252 Chesterfield Road, Philadelphia, PA. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM. The interment was private at the family's request. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Women's Humane Society, 3839 Richlieu Road, Bensalem, PA 19020, or Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #266, 1517 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124, would be appreciated.

THOMAS E. MILBRANDT – Died recently in 2023 in Marietta, Minnesota at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 30, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam

War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**.



CHARLES EDWARD "Chuck" MOOREHEAD - Died Monday, April 24, 2023 in his home in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of his death was from cancer caused by Agent Orange exposure. He was born in Dennison, Ohio on February 24, 1949 to the late Charles Howard and Regina Jean (née Marignoni) Moorehead. Chuck graduated from Canton McKinley High School. Chuck honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart, Vietnamese Hero Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and two Unit citations for bravery, and the Bronze Star. Chuck was a proud member of the New Philadelphia VFW Post #1445, the Tuscarawas VFW Post # 7943, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**, the Scio American Legion Post # 482 and The Cadiz American Legion Post # 34. Additionally, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. His professional career spanned 20 years serving as a veteran service officer at Harrison County Veterans Service Office. However, Chuck's entire life was devoted to serving his fellow veterans. Chuck will be deeply missed by his wife, Diana Sue (née Malone) Moorehead; his children, Michael Moorehead of Canton and Christopher (Tanya) Moorehead of Richmond, KY; his step-daughters, Deedra Testa of Mount Sterling, OH, Angela Thomas of Sherrodsville, and Megan Bailey of Canal Fulton; and his brother, Bill (Carol) Moorehead of Canton. Seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren complete the family. Visitation was held in the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home and Crematory in New Philadelphia on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. A service celebrating Chuck's life was held in the funeral home chapel on Friday beginning at 11:00 AM with Father Jeff Coning officiating. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery where the New Philadelphia VFW Post #1445 rendered military honors. Memorial contributions in Chuck's memory may be directed to Wounded Warrior Project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.



DANIEL ROBERT "Dan" OKULY - Died Friday, July 14, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 74. He was a resident of Defiance. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Lima, Ohio on November 8, 1948 to the late Robert and Rita (née Weaver) Okuly. Dan was a 1967 graduate of Holgate High School. On December 27, 1968 he married F. Dian Williams who survives. He served his country in the United States Army from 1968 - 1970. Dan worked as a Millwright for General Motors for 27 years retiring in 1994. He also owned a trucking business for 15 years and worked at Stykemain Trucks. Dan was a life member of UAW Local # 211, Defiance VFW Post # 3360, AMVETS Post # 1991 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Defiance Chapter #954. Dan is survived by his loving wife Dian Okuly, Defiance; children Jeff Okuly, Ottawa, Ohio, Kim (Steve) Spangler, Defiance; four granddaughters Cassie Okuly (Eric Miller), Wauseon, Ohio Danielle (Tyler) Maag, Leipsic, Ohio, Samantha Okuly, Ottawa, Ohio Allison (Evan) Morr, Ypsilanti, MI; two great-grandsons, Corbin and Camrin Miller and one on the way; brother, Alan (Dee) Okuly, Virginia Beach, VA; two sisters Connie (Lee) Brown of Suffolk, VA, and Terry (Darrell) Erford of Hamler, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter-in-law Hope Okuly; brother Steve Okuly; sisters Roberta Stevens, and Nancy Brinkman. Visitation was held on Tuesday July 18, 2023 from 4:00 till 8:00 PM at the Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, Ohio where funeral services were held on Wednesday July 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM with Celebrant Deb Miller, officiating. The burial was at the Riverside Cemetery, Defiance. Memorials were suggested to Wounded Warriors of America or Vietnam Veterans of America. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.



JOHN THOMAS ONELLION (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1941 in Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia to the late Willard and Gertrude (née Smith) Onellion. John was a loving father, son, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather who brought a smile to everyone he met in life. His quick-wit and sense of humor brought joy and levity to anyone he encountered. John was also a Patriot devoted to his Country. A retired United States Army Master-Sergeant, his distinguished Military Service spanned over 18 years. As a Veteran of Foreign Wars, John served in both Korea and Vietnam, where he spent over seven years in both military and civilian roles. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098*. His main interests included cooking Cajun and Asian cuisine, tending to his garden, playing bluegrass on the guitar, and designing ornamental Ukranian eggs. Having attended LSU in the 1950s, John was also a passionate college football fan. He never missed a game, whether it was attending LSU tailgates on Saturdays in the fall, or simply enjoying watching them on TV at home in the comfort of the air conditioning with his two sons, Matt and Will. Among John's hobbies were genealogy, where he would spend countless hours researching and collating details of his heritage. Gathering stories, pictures, and historical records, John amassed a collection of family history that would trace the Onellions all the way back to the 17th century. John had an especially close relationship with his sister Bonnie. When asked to describe some memories of their childhood, Bonnie would reminisce about hanging out at their mother's house while eating popcorn and John cracking his knuckles. She would listen to him while he played his guitar and look at his drawings. When he was deployed to Vietnam, Bonnie always worried about him and hoped for his safe return. Among other memories were John's Volkswagen Beetle, the "hippie" look he had taken on when he would come to visit Ponchatoula, and the letters she would send him overseas which always ended with the "peace" sign. They would always stay in contact with each other in later years. Those left to cherish his memory are, his beloved wife of 42 years, Annette (née Manuel) Onellion; Sons: Matthew (Myla) Onellion and William (Madeline) Onellion; Grandsons: Myljon (May-Ann) Maurillo and Kent (Stepanie) Diaz; Great-grandsons: Emanuel-John Maurillo and Kenzo Diaz; and Sister, Bonnie (Sydney) Dunn. A

gathering of friends and family was held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, July 21, 2023 in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, located at 4321 Lake Street, Lake Charles, LA. The burial was at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 22, 2023 in Consolata Cemetery, located at 2300 Country Club Road, Lake Charles, LA under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home. The family would like to give special thanks to the Dunn family for their unwavering support as well as the hundreds of friends and family that have reached out in this difficult time. Dad loved you all.



DAVID FLOYD ORR - Died Friday, June 30, 2023 at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center in Jamestown, North Dakota at the age of 78. He was a resident of Jamestown. The cause of death was cancer. David was born on April 14, 1945 in Jamestown to the late Floyd and Ellen (née Nicholls) Orr. He attended school at Jamestown and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1963. David married Karon Letcher on December 24, 1963 in Ypsilanti, ND. They made their home in Denver, CO while being stationed at Lowry Air Base and then were transferred to Minot AFB in Minot ND. David enlisted into the United States Air Force on September 4, 1963 and served with the Fifth Fighter Squadron as an aircraft weapons technician in Minot. David was stationed in Takhli, Thailand where his job was to rearm the fighters that were stationed at this base. David's missions were in Danang and Saigon, Vietnam (1966). He served as a member of a weapons training team that went to other Tac Air Force bases. He received honorable discharge September 3, 1969, with the rank of E04 Senior Airman Sergeant. In 1967, David began his 8 1/2-year law enforcement career with the Jamestown Police Department which included graduating from North Dakota Highway Patrol Training Academy 1972. He became Civil Defense Director and Veteran's Service Officer. He chose to run for Stutsman County sheriff where he won and continued to serve our county from 1979-2010. David was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elks Club, Lions, VFW, and a lifetime member of the ND Peace Officers Association. David assisted in coaching the Ypsilanti Babe Ruth Baseball Program. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown (Tennessee) Chapter #1073**. He is survived by his wife Karon, Jamestown, ND; his children, Shane David Orr, Mayville, ND; Michelle (Hank) Brunner, Jamestown, ND; Nathan T. Orr (Elizabeth Barton), Jamestown, ND; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Steven (Anthony) Orr, Surprise, AZ; Nancy (George) Couvillon, Marksville, LA; Lindsay (Julie) Orr, Ypsilanti, ND; and Christine Krenz (Rusty Richardson), Blue Springs, MO. David was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ellen (Nicholls) Orr. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be sent to Jamestown Regional Medical Center (Jamestown, ND) or Roger Maris Cancer Center (Fargo, ND).



GUADALUPE ORTIZ, SR. – Died Monday, June 26, 2023 in El Campo, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1950 in Louise, Texas to the late Jesus and Dominga (née Herrera) Ortiz. Guadalupe was drafted into the United States Army in

February of 1971. He was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. After returning to El Campo he spent the next 34 years being a rough neck in the oil fields, a job he didn't want to give up as he enjoyed his work. On Friday nights he could be found cheering the Ricebirds on. And when not watching the Ricebirds he enjoyed watching the Long Horns, Astros and Cowboys play. He watched game shows and completing word searches. He could often be found trying to hit it lucky with scratch off tickets. Another pass time he was fond of was playing pool with his family and friends, and where ever he was you could hear honky tonk and oldies playing with Dwight Yoakum as a particular favorite. Guadalupe is survived by his sons, Guadalupe Ortiz, Jr (Stacy) and Joseph Ortiz both of El Campo; daughters, Brenda Ortiz and Laura Ortiz of El Campo; brothers, Julian Ortiz (Rosa) of El Campo and Isabell Ortiz (Rose) of Victoria; sister, Natalia Ortiz of El Campo; 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesus and Dominga Ortiz; brothers, Michael Ortiz, Candelario Ortiz, Steven Ortiz, Terry Ortiz; sisters, Janie Diaz, Susie Villafuerte, Carmen Torres, Mary Gallardo and grandson, Joseph Lee Ortiz, Jr. Serving as pallbearers will be Guadalupe Ortiz, Jr., Joseph Ortiz, Jonathon Ortiz, Daibrein Ortiz, Sergio Reyes and Eric Villarreal. Honorary pallbearers will be Brayden Gussman and Dallas Ortiz. Visitation began at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Wheeler Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11:30. Graveside services with military honors were at Holy Cross Memorial Park.



BRUCE M. PARTYKA - Died Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at his East Rutherford, New Jersey residence at the age of 77. He was a resident of Manahawkin, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on January 3, 1946. Mr. Partyka proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. For over 17 years, he was an operator for Passaic Valley Sewerage in Newark, retiring at the age of 60. Prior to that, he was the proprietor of Bruce's Stump Removal for 20 years. He was a graduate of East Rutherford High School. Bruce was a life member of the East Rutherford VFW Post #8374 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Little Ferry (Rutherford) Chapter #800**. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a member of the N.R.A. Beloved husband of the late Denise Marie (née Kroll) Partyka; loving father of Tara Nosti and Bruce J. Partyka and his wife, Elena Antokhina; cherished grandfather of Isabella Nosti, Ksenia Partyka and Esther Partyka, and; dear brother of Janice Lahullier and her husband Craig and the late Judith Miragliotta. He was also known as "Uncle Bruce" to many. The cremation was private. Donations may be made in Bruce's memory to Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org. A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, East Rutherford. The arrangements were made by the Kimak Funeral Home, Carlstadt.



FLORENCIO AGUILAR “Pete” PERALTA (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in Copperas Cove, Texas at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 14, 1935 in Capitan, (Lincoln County) New Mexico to the late Filomeno and Emparitriz (née Aguilar) Peralta. Pete began his military career in the United States Army as Medical Specialist. He served for a total of 23 years with the Army, attaining the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He served in the Korean War and had three deployments to the Vietnam War. Pete finally retired after serving nineteen years in the Civil Service. Pete married Amelia “Mollie” Quintero on September 18, 1976 and they had ten children. Pete was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1001**, Veteran of Foreign Wars and the Wounded Warrior Foundation. Pete had a passion for God, Family, Country and service. He will always be remembered for his love of golf, woodworking and running. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister, two sons and one daughter. Pete is survived by his wife, Amelia of Copperas Cove; his children, Monique Howard of Ft. Worth, Pauline (Floyd) Scott of Fayetteville, NC, Robert Carrillo of Kempner, Melissa (Tim) Fritz of Temple, Ronnie (Brenda) Peralta of Austin, Andrew Carrillo of Copperas Cove; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with a recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM at the Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:30 PM on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove with interment at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the Peralta family asks that you make a memorial donation in Pete’s name to Tunnel to Towers Foundation or the American Heart Association. The family would also like to thank the Washington University Research Center. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.crawfordbowerscopperascove.com for the Peralta family.



JAMES F. “Jim” (aka G-Dad) PETERSON – Died Friday, June 23, 2023 in San Francisco, California at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Francisco on October 29, 1943 to the late Santiago and Dolores Peterson. Those who knew and loved him were blessed with joy and laughter when in his company. Known for his numerous stories and jokes (of questionable humor) that he repeated with glee because of his big heart, he had a gift of communication and could easily make a stranger into a new friend. Jim knew how to live and, despite recent health issues, was determined to enjoy life on his terms. Above all, he valued spending time with family and friends. Generous and often and always involved, he was happiest when sharing good times with those around him. Jim with his family moved to Santa Rosa, California as a child, making it his lifelong home. Jim attended Santa Rosa High School where he played football and earned All American status for his excellence in track and field. Jim had the

fastest 400-meter in Sonoma County at a time of 49.54 when he broke the record his senior year in 1962. To this day, Jim's time still ranks as the fifth fastest 400-meter ever in the Santa Rosa High School record books. As with many young men of the 1960s, Jim realized he would be drafted into the Vietnam War. In lieu of waiting for his number to be called, Jim enlisted in the United States Army and following his basic training, qualified for Airborne School. Jim was a fiercely proud serviceman of the 101st Airborne Division, one of the most decorated formations of the U.S. Army. Jim was part of the 502nd Infantry Regiment, bravely making hundreds of jumps into combat zones where he served as the signaller (radioman) and was responsible for communications for his unit in the battlefields. Vietnam was an experience that followed Jim for the rest of his life. He had to say good-bye to many brothers from that experience who did not get a chance to return home and many brothers that were too haunted to adjust back to civilian life. It's an experience that is impossible to imagine unless you were there. As in combat, Jim bravely fought the post-traumatic stresses of Vietnam, finding more brothers to help and be strong with at the weekly group meetings he attended for much of his later life. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223*. Jim's professional career was in the tile industry, performing every task from tile setter to general manager from the 1970s to his retirement in 2011. Jim formed strong relations, both professional and personal, with many in the construction trades. Jim prided on being a mentor to younger workers in his field. He'd always say they don't hire choir boys in his line of work and took it upon himself to give younger workers guidance and a sense of responsibility that everything is always earned, never given. Outside of his professional pursuits, Jim enjoyed staying healthy anyway he could. His most quoted motto (which there are many) is: 'Good habits are harder to break than bad habits'. Jim lived this motto, whether it be the hundreds of 10K or 3K races Jim signed up for and ran or the thousands of gym classes he took (he was a big fan of the legendary LP workout class and various spin classes). Jim also found great joy on the water fishing with his buddies, often bringing home way too much fish. Lastly, Jim was fiercely proud of all things local to Sonoma County. He loved shopping local, supporting this community, and staying connected. Jim knew the value of a good friend and maintained his friendships until he died. Jim will be deeply missed by his wife, Mia, with whom he shared a beautiful synergy, harmony, and love. They were married in 2011 and made a beautiful home in Fountain Grove, before and after Tubbs. He is survived by his sisters, Norma and Sylvia, beloved sons Jamey and Michael, daughters-in-law Mary and Marjorie, and his cherished grandchildren Olivia, Jordan, Presley, and Hunter. Jim often said after retiring from the tile industry he went into the grandchild business. Known as G-Dad, he was very involved with his grandchildren's lives, always showing up for their performances and games, and often picking them up from school and taking them on many great afterschool adventures. He is also survived by the many Ferrer, Buller, and McHenry nieces and nephews, along with a wide circle of friends and colleagues who loved him and will miss him greatly. Jim was predeceased by his parents, Santiago and Dolores Peterson, his sister Irma, and brothers-in-law Juan Ferrer, Jim McHenry, and Ed Buller. Jim's passing has left a hole in the hearts of his friends and family. The loss of Jim marks the end of an era, and he will be profoundly missed. In his memory, in lieu of flowers, he would encourage others to celebrate their loved ones' lives by taking them out to dinner and reminiscing (just be sure to tip well). In celebration of Jim's life, a memorial service was held at a later date.



WALLACE ODLE PEVAHOUSE - Died Friday, June 30, 2023 at Perry County Nursing Home in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 79. He was a resident of Clifton, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clifton on June 5, 1944 to the late Clyde Odle Pevahouse and Lossie (née Thompson) Pevahouse. He was a United States Army Veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. He was a graduate of Frank Hughes High School in Clifton. Wallace was a member of the Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church, where he was song leader and the Treasurer. He had also lead singing at Cedar Valley United Methodist Church and had last worked as an Inspector for Johnson Controls/Fisher & Co. He enjoyed traveling, woodworking, music and just being on the farm tending to his cows. He especially enjoyed his grandsons and did just about anything they wanted him to do. Survivors include his wife of 48 years Kathy (née Bunch) Pevahouse, a daughter Breana (Billy) Webster of Linden, grandsons Alex Webster and Wesley (Kaelie) Webster both of Linden, a great-granddaughter Opal Renee Webster, a sister Wanda (Tony) Gray of Savannah, a brother Austin (Joyce) Pevahouse of Clifton, sister-in-law Joyce Phillips, niece Misty (Adam) Carlock, two nephews Phillip and Terry Gray, a great-niece Paisley Ward and a host of other loving family members and many friends.



RAYMOND DENNIS "Ray" PIERCE – Died Thursday, May 18, 2023 in the hospice ward of the VA Medical Center in Buffalo, at the age of 73, with his wife by his side. He was a resident of Lockport, New York. The cause of death was lymphoma. He was a United States Vietnam Marine Corps Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. Ray dedicated his life to his country and his community. His contributions over the past several decades have been integral to the operation of Lockport's VFW Post #2535. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary (née Jansen) and daughter Brooke Elizabeth as well as his dear brother Lonnie. The family wishes to honor his request to be mourned privately. Mary and Brooke thank Ray's friends and the community for their support and messages of condolence.



ROBERT JESUS PILA (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 5, 2023 at Prestige Manor, Belleview, Florida at the age of 79. He was a resident of The Villages, Florida. He was the husband of Janice Pila for 33 and a half years. Robert was born in Havana, Cuba on January 2, 1944 to the late Antonio and Hilda Pila. He was a Veteran of the United States Army for 24 years and retired as a Master Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Oxford Chapter #1036. He then worked for the Federal Government in Logistics for 20 years. He and Janice moved to The Villages in June 2006. He enjoyed playing pickleball, golf, bowling, racquetball, dancing, traveling and swimming. He was happiest when helping others enjoy themselves and have a good time. He was truly the life of any party! He was a generous and loving son, husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him well. Robert is survived by his wife, Janice Ruth Pila and son, Robert J. Pila and his wife Jennifer of Fort Mill, SC and daughter, Michelle Brogna and her husband Frank of Harrisburg, PA. He was the grandfather of Christian Ressalam. Aryana Pila, and Gabriella Brogna. Robert was laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 5946 SE Robinson Road, Belleview, FL. Condolences may be left at Hiers-Baxley.com.



WALTER TIMOTHY “Tim” PITCHFORD - Died Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in Carmel, Indiana at the age of 78, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Tim was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 4, 1944 to the late Walter Thomas Pitchford and Ruth Elizabeth (née Cush) Pitchford. Tim graduated from Saint Mary Magdalene Grade School in 1958, Munhall High School in 1962, and Saint Vincent College in 1966 with a BA in Political Science. Tim was awarded the Letterman distinction in college football his first year as a freshman. A great education led to serving as First Lieutenant Officer in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-1969. He was a Vietnam combat veteran and received the Combat Action Ribbon and Presidential Unit Citation. Tim went on to serve his country as a Special Agent in the FBI. He was with the FBI for twenty-eight (28) years, from 1969 to 1998 and worked in Saint Louis, New York City, Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis. Tim was a devoted Catholic and strove to serve and love God, his family and his country. He was a member of, and had many friends from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, the VFW, the American Legion, Sertoma Club, Lions of God, and the Board of the Village of Mount Carmel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. Tim’s greatest accomplishments are being married to his beautiful wife Helen for fifty-two (52) years, his four (4) beloved children and their spouses, and twelve (12) grandchildren. He became known for his great stories and always having a joke on the ready. But Tim was also involved with coaching his kids’ sports teams, being involved with youth ministry and participating in weekly bible study. Tim enjoyed being with family, serving his community and rooting for his favorite sports teams – Purdue, the Steelers, and the Colts. He was also an avid Indy Car fan attending the Indy 500 race with his family every year that his health allowed. Tim is survived by his wife Helen (née Vassel) Pitchford; his son Matthew (Tracey) Pitchford; and daughters Kari (Steve) Stuckey, Colleen (Jesse) Carey, Katie (Tucker) Deering. Grandchildren; Jacob, Mackenzie and Sydney Pitchford; Reid, Addison, and Averie Stuckey; Lucy, Austin, and Ella Carey; Helen, Lincoln and Wilson Deering. He is also survived by his brother; Daniel (Anita) Pitchford and sisters; Mary Karscig, Eileen (Kevin) Mathers, Ann Schular, Kathleen Pitchford, Carol (Joseph) Deasy and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Thomas and Ruth Elizabeth Pitchford and

Brother-in-Law, Joseph Karscig. Funeral services were held Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Carmel, IN. Viewing times were held on Thursday, June 1st from 5:00-8:00 PM and on Friday, June 2nd from 10:00-11:00 AM. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM immediately followed with burial services at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Tim and the family suggest making a Memorial Donation to either: The Heart To Heart Hospice Foundation: <https://www.htohhfoundation.org/donation>; or to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW): <https://www.vfw.org/donate/give-now>.



WILLIAM WAYNE POSS - Died Sunday, April 30, 2023 in Elberton, Georgia at the age of 77, surrounded by his family. He was formerly of Rayle, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rayle on July 7, 1945 the 7th of 8 children born to the late Henry Millard Poss and Sallie Mae (née Sherrer) Poss of Wilkes County, GA. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean ((née Wolfe) Poss; brothers: Charles Poss, Carlton "Pete" Poss, Grady Poss, and Franklin Poss; sister, Flora Poss Smith; brothers-in-law: Johnny Shedd and Buddy Smith; and sisters-in-law: Janice Poss and Betty Poss. Survivors include two sisters: Kathryn Shedd and Peggy (Johnnie) Walker; sister-in-law, Marie Poss; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. Wayne was a graduate of Truett McConnell College and a veteran of the Vietnam War. In addition to serving three years, 1965-1968, in the United States Army, he faithfully served 18 additional years in the Army Reserves. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia (Ohio) Chapter #857**. Wayne began work with Rayle Electric Membership Corporation in 1969 as a lineman and later held many positions. He was General Manager from 1992 until 1996, and was Manager of Engineering and Operations when he retired after 31 years of service. Wayne later worked at Anthony Wood Products and was a member of Bethel Church in Wilkes County. Graveside services celebrating Wayne's life were held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM at the Carter's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, 6080 Lexington Road, Crawfordville, GA. Flowers are accepted and contributions may be made in his memory to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 53 Perimeter Center East, Suite #100, Atlanta, GA 30346. Those wishing, may sign the online guestbook at www.berryfh.com. The Berry Funeral Home and Crematory of Elberton, GA was in charge of the arrangements for Mr. William 'Wayne' Poss.



CARL THOMAS POWELL, SR. - Died Friday, March 3, 2023 in Blackstone, Virginia at the age of 77, with his loving wife of 54 years by his side. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. Carl fought a long and hard battle with Parkinson's disease but is now at peace with his heavenly father above. Carl was born in Beckley, West Virginia on November 6, 1945 to the late Ollie and Francis Powell of McDowell County and attended Princeton High School before joining the United States Army where he served tours in both Germany and Vietnam. Following his

service, he lived and worked in Ohio for 27 years after which he and his family returned to West Virginia and worked for the Department of Highways and retired after 20 years. During that time, he earned an associate degree in Transportation Engineering. He is proceeded in death by both parents as well as brothers Kenneth, Charles and David Powell; sisters Grace Pendleton and Judy Testerman and his only son Carl Powell Jr. Survivors include his wife Violet, daughters Angela Ingram (Robbie) of Princeton and Dawn Hicks (Dwight) of Chesterfield, VA, sister Phyllis Shepherd; brothers James (Mary Ann), Lee (Velvet), Paul (Felicia), and Randy (Carolyn). He was a loving grandfather to 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was a long-time member of Bethel United Methodist Church on Eads Mill Road in Princeton, WV. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Princeton Chapter #628*. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton, with Pastors Bill Crawford and Richard Godfrey co-officiating. The burial with military graveside rites provided by the U.S. Army Honor Guard was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Friends visited with the family on Tuesday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Rich Miller, Tony Billings, Duane Crawford, Roger Popp, Danny Hurley and Bert Levesque. The honorary pallbearer was Paul Feathers. Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com. The Powell family was served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.



PAUL OWEN RAMSE – Died Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 79. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 27, 1944 in Fosston, Minnesota to the late Arthur and Elmyra (née Petersen) Ramse. He will be lovingly remembered by his children; Karen Ramse, Nathan (Jen) Ramse, Daniel Ramse, Joshua Ramse; his brothers, Ben Ramse and David (Miriam) Ramse; his niece and nephew, Kayla (Kyle) Jore and Jonathan (Bethany) Ramse and their families; and his sister-in-law, Joan Aasboe. He is predeceased by his parents, Arthur Ramse and Elmyra (née Petersen) Ramse; and his wife, Shirley (née Aasboe) Ramse. Paul spent his early years in McIntosh, Minnesota where his family owned a farm. He attended school in McIntosh. His parents were called to serve the Tokio Indian Mission in 1956 and moved their family to Tokio, North Dakota. Paul graduated from Dakota Lutheran Academy in 1962. After high school, he attended California Lutheran Bible School with his two brothers. After attending Bible school, Paul served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Minot Air Force Base. After the air force, he earned an Associates of Science Degree in electronics at North Dakota State School of Science. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054*. Paul was introduced to Shirley Aasboe by Bonnie Bundy (Pastor Burton Bundy's wife) at the Grace Lutheran Brethren Church in Bismarck, ND. They were married on February 12, 1977 at Elim Lutheran Church in Osakis, Minnesota. They moved to Watertown, SD where they spent the next 45 years. They lived outside of Watertown where they raised their four children whom he loved dearly. They were very active in their church and loved fellowshiping with other believers. In fact, the Ramse family was usually the last to leave church as Paul would make sure new visitors

were greeted and loved spending time visiting. Besides his love for Christ, he also had a love for people. When there were Sunday evening services, Paul made sure his family was in attendance. When missionaries came to visit, Paul and Shirley would host families in their home. Paul worked with Basin Electric for almost 34 years, retiring in 2009. He enjoyed camping, hiking and cycling with his family, planting trees, caring for the garden and lawn, and chopping wood. He could create and fix almost anything from building his own speakers, vehicles, building a quonset and small buildings, adding on to the house, rewiring the remodeled kitchen at church and so many other small jobs! He was always fixing something and helping others to fix things. Paul's first love was for Christ which was evident in his daily morning routine when he spent time reading the Bible and praying for his family, friends, missions and so much more. He was a prayer warrior. He cultivated his faith in his own life and in the lives of his wife and children with family devotions. Both Paul and Shirley have been very active with the Gideon's during their retirement years. A visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel, 1311 4th Street, NE in Watertown. A Celebration of Life was held at 10:00 AM on June 26, 2023 at the Watertown Christian Church, 201 Golf Course Road in Watertown. Music was provided by Kathy Iverson on piano and Julie Radach on the flute. The burial was held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery near Sioux Falls. Honorary Pallbearers were the Gideons. Memorial donations may be made in Paul Ramse's name to the Gideons International, PO Box 1472 Watertown, SD 57201.



RUBEN M. RASSO

– Died Saturday, April 15, 2023 in Oceanside, California at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving wife and family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in California on February 25, 1947 and is survived by the love of his life and wife of 50 years, Carolyn, his five children, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A loyal man whose heart was devoted to God, family and country, Ruben served in the United States Army, honorably during the Vietnam war. He then earned his Doctor of Law, and served honorably in Riverside County as a Deputy Sheriff for 30 years while raising his 5 children. Ruben was the head of a large family and enjoyed spending time with them going to restaurants, on vacations or simply relaxing at home enjoying music and time together. Every Sunday he attended church, went to weekly Bible study and encouraged others to attend as well. He especially enjoyed cruising with his wife Carolyn along Pacific Coast Highway, watching the sunset and blasting Rock n' Roll and Christian contemporary music. Ruben inspired a legacy of service and patriotism to his family and community through his leadership and outreach as President and Founder of the Corona Veterans Memorial Division, the Riverside Republican Assembly and as a Board member of the Riverside Sheriff's Association. As founder of the Corona Veterans Memorial Division, he persevered for 12 years until the city of Corona established a monument honoring all Corona-Norco Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Riverside Chapter #47, The American Legion Post #79 and was currently *Treasurer* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Escondido Chapter #1147**, and Veterans of Foreign Wars #10577. Ruben will be remembered in the hearts of many as a strong believer in Jesus Christ his God, whom he gave "all the honor and all the glory" for his many blessings and many accomplishments and as a Patriot of the United States of America, "Land of the Free Because of the Brave" He is greatly missed by so many on this earth. Until we meet again in heaven Ruben Rasso is forever in our hearts and thoughts. Services for Ruben Rasso were held at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 5455 Alessandro Boulevard, Riverside, CA from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM followed by the burial at 1:45-2:15 PM at the Riverside National Cemetery at 22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA and ending with reception at Immanuel Lutheran.

STEPHEN F. REHBERG – Died recently in 2023 in Stockton, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 11, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Linda. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**.



ERNEST "Ernie" ROSE, SR. - Died Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the McDowell Health Care in Gary, West Virginia at the age of 78. He was a resident of Skygusty, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 8, 1944 in Anawalt, West Virginia to the late George Rose, Jr. and Sophia Rachel (née Mikels) Rose. Ernest proudly served 9 years in the United States Army from February 20, 1964 to June 26, 1970 and toured in the Vietnam War from November 26, 1968 to November 26, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. He worked as a diesel mechanic for Carter Machinery for 15 years. He was an avid lover of baseball and umpired for many years for Atkins District. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Sandra Barnes and Juanita Rose and brothers, Billy, Gene and David Rose. Survivors include his wife, Brenda (née Parks) Rose of the home; sons Kevin Rose (Paula) of Bluefield, WV, Ernest Rose, Jr. (Nicole) of NC, and Charles Rose (Ginger) of Princeton, WV; daughters Tammi Steele (Joe) of Maybeury, WV, Angie Mulkey (Bucky) of Skygusty, WV; brothers, Jack Rose (Patsy) of NC; sisters, Nannie Mathews (Al) of NC, Alma "Cookie" Barnes (Ricky) of SC, and Dorothy Bryant of WV; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, who were the love and joy of his life. Funeral Services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023 at the Cravens-Shires Funeral Home with Reverend Chuck Crabtree officiating. The burial was at the Grandview Memorial Gardens, Bluefield, VA where friends and family served as pallbearers. Military graveside service were conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. The family would like to thank the staff at McDowell Health Care, for the great care given to him, while he was there. The family received friends at 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM. The Cravens-Shires Funeral Home served the Rose family.



LOUIS ALLEN “Lou” ROYSTON - Died Saturday, February 4, 2023 in Timberville, Virginia at the age of 73, surrounded by his family at his residence. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 14, 1949 in Front Royal, Virginia to the late Louis B. Royston and Juanita Jane (née Johnson) Hughes. Louis was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1970 and then joined the Army National Guard from 1971-1979. He worked for 22 years at Kawneer as a supervisor before owning and operating Royston General Hauling. Louis was a member of the Timberville Church of the Brethren, a life member of the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department, AMVETS, and the POW-MIA Riders Association. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061*. On March 12, 1971 he married the former Brenda Herring, who survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Becky Messina of Timberville; son, Bubby Royston and wife Kelly A. of Rockingham; grandchildren, Chelsey Royston, Payton Messina, Bryce Messina, Logan Royston, Tanner Royston; great grandsons, Kaiden and Landen Miller; sister, Debbie Baker and husband Dennis of Keezletown; his beloved dog, Boomer; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Brady Royston. Pastors Karl Magenhofer and Dwayne Painter conducted funeral service 1:00 PM on Wednesday at the Timberville Church of the Brethren. Burial with Military Honors were accorded at the church cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 271 Broadway, VA 22815.

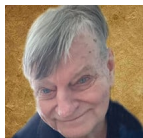


JOHN ROBERT SABANOSH, SR. – Died Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in Bishopville, Maryland at the age of 76 with his wife and family by his side after complications from classical Hodgkin’s Lymphoma related to Agent Orange Vietnam. The cause of death was Hodgkins Lymphoma. He was born in Pequannock, New Jersey on June 1, 1946 to the late Milton and Gloria Sabanosh. He was a retired Madison Police Sergeant and a proud United States Army Veteran of the UH-1 Huey Medical Evacuation Helicopter known as “Dustoff”. To his family and to everyone who was privileged enough to know John, he was considered a true hero, a fighter, and a warrior. He was passionate of his religious beliefs and a Mason. He impacted so many lives by simply being who he was; a charismatic man who was so charming, fun-loving, friendly and always full of life. He made the world a better place and he will be deeply missed by so many. John’s legacy was to give other’s a second chance at life by sacrificing his own life to save others. John grew up in Pequannock, New Jersey and enlisted in the United States Army and volunteered for Army Aviation. Following rigorous combat and aviation skills training, he was deployed to South Vietnam. John served as a UH-1 Helicopter mechanic with the 45th Medical Company in Long Binh in maintenance of the UH-1 “Huey” medical evacuation helicopters. He soon served as a Crew Chief on a Huey Medical Evacuation Helicopter known as “Dustoff”. Following combat

fight training, he became a Crew Chief, flying lifesaving combat missions with Huey hoists over jungle canopy and saving American lives under enemy fire. John received many honors for his service including the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star, fourteen Air Medals, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. John was a lifetime member of the Vietnam Dustoff Association where he served for many years as a trusted board member coordinating annual reunions across the United States to bring his fellow Dustoff crewmembers together. His bonding with his fellow crewmembers lasted more than fifty years. John was also passionate in serving veterans through his membership and involvement with a *Life Membership* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover (Delaware) Chapter #850**, where he played a key role in displaying a UH-1 Helicopter at the Kent County Veterans Memorial Park in Dover, Delaware. Following his military career, John was hired by the East Hanover Police Department in New Jersey where he served for five years. On March 14, 1978, John began his devoted life-long career when he was hired by the Madison Police Department where he protected and loyally served the beautiful community of Madison for twenty-five years. John was promoted from Patrolman to Traffic Safety Sergeant (Badge #72). John was so proud to be a police officer for the Madison Police Department and never forgot his brothers in blue. John retired from law enforcement in 2002 and relocated to Eastern Shore Maryland. He had so many great accomplishments, but those from his family were among his most treasured. John was an incredible husband, father and grandfather. John was predeceased by his mother, Gloria Sabanosh; his father, Milton Sabanosh; and his sister, Nancy Sabanosh. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gail Sabanosh; his son John Sabanosh, Jr.; his son Christopher Sabanosh; his daughter Kristy Kiehl; his daughter Dawn Braun; his son-in-law's Alan Braun, Charles Kiehl; his daughter-in-law Sarah Sabanosh; his six grandchildren: Zachary, Jared, Trey, Christopher, Kayla and Anikka; his sister Anne-Marie Parr; his niece Bonnie Parr; his nephew Justin Parr, and many dear friends. His family and friends will always honor John as their hero for his bravery, dedication and leadership, "So Other's May Live". He will forever be remembered, cherished and loved for the incredible impact he made on the countless lives he touched. A light has gone out in this world, but the love John gave will shine forever. John will always be there, by our side and in our hearts, "Until We Meet Again". Family and friends were invited to attend the visitation held at the Holloway Funeral Home, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1:00-2:00 PM and a Service at 2:00–3:00 PM EST, followed by a Repast. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that charitable contributions be made in John's memory to the American Cancer Society and/or Tunnels to Towers Foundation. Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.HollowayFH.com.

ALLEN DAVID SALTZMAN - Died Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in Margaret Cochran Corbin VA Campus Veterans Hospital in New York at the age of 77. He was a resident of Morganville, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart disease. Allen was born in Bronx, New York on December 14, 1945 to the late Simon and Esther. Upon graduating from high school, he went on to earn a BA from Baruch College. After serving his country in the Vietnam War for the United States Army, he went on to start and own a title examining company with his wife Janice for over 45 years. He enjoyed listening to jazz music, attending sporting events, and participating in veteran events around the country. He received the Purple Heart Award for his service in active combat and was

involved in local veterans' affairs and related charities. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Allen is predeceased by his parents Simon and Esther Saltzman; and his sister Maxine Saltzman. He is survived by his son Evan, daughter Tracey, grandson Adam, and son-in-law Michael. He is preceded in death by his wife, Janice. The funeral service and burial were held at Mount Sinai Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Morganville, NJ on Sunday, July 16th at 10:30 AM, for a family reception, and an 11:00 AM service with Rabbi Edelstein officiating. The family held a Shiva directly after the funeral, Monday, and Tuesday, with details that were provided at that time. To leave a condolence or find directions, visit www.freemanfuneralhomes.com.



THOMAS LEE “Tom” SAMLOW - Died Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Northcrest Rehab and Nursing Care Facility in Napoleon, Ohio at the age of 73. He was formerly a resident of Defiance, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Napoleon on February 19, 1949, to the late Delmer and Laura (née May) Samlow. Tom was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Tom graduated from McClure High School where he played baseball and was a 4-year varsity basketball star. He also coached the girls' basketball team at Saint Paul Lutheran School for many years. Tom is survived by his children, Jacki (Chad Rohrbaugh) Brown, Ian (Kristine) Samlow, and Trent Muehlfeld; grandchildren, Alyssa and Dylan Brown, and Skylar Muehlfeld; great grandchildren, Bentley, Khloe and Jaylyn; and sister, Sandy (Mike) Brown. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Vance. A memorial service was held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home by the American Legion Post #300. A private interment was held at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post #300, or the Henry County Humane Society. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.



LARRY H. SCHMILING - Died Saturday, April 15, 2023 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born in Algoma, Wisconsin on July 28, 1949 to the late Jane (née Krueger) Schmiling and Henry Schmiling. As a child, he enjoyed spending summers outdoors with his sister and many cousins. He graduated from Kewaunee High School in 1967. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War as an Anti-Tank Assault Man until his honorable discharge in November, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. Like many veterans, he returned home unsure what the future would hold. He tried out different options: owning a

Standard gas station, retail, and a brief stint as a police officer with the Algoma Police Department. In 1975, he joined the Brown County Sheriff's Department as a patrol officer. In 1991, he was promoted to Sergeant. He retired in January 2003. After retirement, he took a few years to explore, but eventually found his way back to the law enforcement industry. He worked security for the federal courthouse in Brown County for several years. Larry's family was the pride of his life. In 1987, he married Ginny (née Houle) Schmiling. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister Nancy Schmiling; daughters, Amanda Tassia and Cassie (Schmiling) Walizer; son-in-law Ben Walizer; granddaughters Hailey Brown, Maddie Walizer, and Charlotte Walizer; and former wife Ginny Schmiling. He was a beloved uncle to his nieces and nephews. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking, reading, watching old movies, and cruising around in his Corvette. More than anything, he enjoyed quality conversations with friends. Visitation was held at the Pfotenhauer Funeral Home at 2379 East Mason Street on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00-11:45 AM. A brief prayer service followed. He was entombed at Nicolet Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

JAMES L. "Jim" SCHWENT - Died Friday, April 28, 2023 in Saint Charles, Missouri at the age of 78. He was a resident of O'Fallon, Missouri. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Bloomsdale, Missouri on July 20, 1944 to the late Roy and Marie (née Berger) Schwent. Jim served in the United States Army from 1967 until 1968. He was a *Life Member* of the AMVETS, VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458** and the American Legion Riders. He had a passion for giving back to other veterans through the AMVETSs honor guard. He retired from General Motors after 30+ years. Jim was a car enthusiast and a member of the Boone Trail Corvette Club. Jim was an avid bowler and was involved in a Friday Night Bowling League for many years. He was always proud of his family and they will cherish all the memories they have. Jim is survived by his wife, Judy Schwent; his children, Jamie (Steve) Wright, Jodi (Dave) Williams, Dawn (Mike) Phillips, and Lawrence (Gina) Royston; thirteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and his brother, Chuck Schwent; He will be dearly missed by many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Marie Schwent; his brothers, Willis Schwent, Lloyd Schwent and Frank Schwent. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/>



GEORGE LEON SEARFOSS - Died Friday, July 7, 2023 at the Center for Hospice Care in Elkhart, Indiana at the age of 76, after bravely battling cancer for three years. He was a resident of Elkhart. George was born in South Bend, Indiana on April 7, 1947 to the late Harold and Rose (née Palmero) Searfoss. George attended and graduated from Saint Joseph High School in South Bend, Indiana and Saint Edward's University in Austin, Texas. George earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Labor Studies from Indiana University, South Bend, later in life. George was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country as an infantryman during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1971. After being discharged, George worked in sales for the Sunoco Oil Company, as a Train Master and Safety Supervisor for Conrail, and as a member

of the Labor Studies Department at Indiana University, South Bend. George was a devout Catholic and member of Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for over 40 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027*. He spent many hours volunteering for veteran organizations, enjoying time with his family and friends, and reading his favorite books. George was a very proud Grandpa and loved visiting his grandchildren who live in different states as well as spending time with his grandchildren who live locally. The love and caring that he extended to everyone in his life on a daily basis was truly his greatest gift. George is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sylvia (née Ludwig) Searfoss, his children: George, Jr. (Katina) Searfoss of South Bend, Ileana (Eric) Reed of Sugarloaf, California, Henry Searfoss of Elkhart, Edward (Patricia) Searfoss of Phoenix, Arizona, Isaac Searfoss of Mishawaka, Renee (Andrew Busch) Searfoss of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Gabrielle (David) Miehler of Loveland, Ohio, and beloved grandchildren. George is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Theodore, David, Thomas, and James; and grandson, Andrew. A celebration of George's life was held from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home on Thursday, July 13, 2023. A Memorial Mass was held at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 14, 2023. Memorial gifts may be made in George's name to the Center for Hospice Care, 22579 Old U.S. 20 East, Elkhart, Indiana 46516.



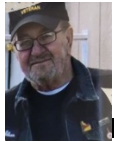
PHILIP J. "Phil" SHEFCYK - Died Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Penn Highlands Elk at the age of 73, following a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Kersey, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 5, 1949 in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania to the late Richard and Patricia (née McKay) Shefcyk. On December 26, 1966, he married his lifelong best friend and one true love, M. Carol Shefcyk, who survives. Together they shared more than 56 years of love, laughter, and happiness. Phil was a lifelong resident of Elk County and proud veteran of the United States Army. He attended college at Penn State DuBois. He retired from Airco Speer after many years of service and had also been employed at FireProof, PennDOT, and Molded Materials. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #948*, the Ridgway American Legion and was also a member of the Ridgway Elks Club. In his younger years, Phil was a dedicated Boy Scout who also served as a Junior Ranger, fighting forest fires during his freshman year of high school. He was also known for his love of hunting rattlesnakes. An avid outdoorsman, he could often be found fishing and hunting. Most of all, he was a devoted family man who loved spending time with his family. He will be remembered for his kindness and big heart. In addition to his wife, Carol, he is survived by 4 children; Penny (Dwayne) Titchner of Saint Marys, Catherine "Kate" (Brent) Cousins of Kersey, Wendy (Jim) Rickard of Ridgway, and Robin (Steve) Eckl of Highland; by six grandsons; Devin, Jonathon, Melvin, Aric, Richard, and Philip, any by three great-grandsons; Zaven, Melvin, and Dennis. He is also survived by a brother; Sam (Cindy) Shefcyk, a sister; Sari Reed, and by numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a brother-in-law; Steve (Sue) Gibbs, and by a sister-in-law; Patty

Greene. A Memorial Service for Philip J. Shefcyk was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Krise Funeral Home, 339 Main Street, Kersey, PA. Military Honors were accorded by the Fox Township Burial Detail. Family and friends were received at the Krise Funeral Home on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Memorial Contributions may be made to Elk County Rides 4 Vets. The Krise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 339 Main Street, Kersey, PA handled the arrangements and online condolences may be offered to the family at www.krisefuneralhome.com.

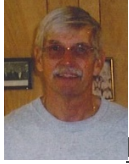


GEORGE R. "Buddy" SHIELDS (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died late Friday evening, June 2, 2023 at his residence in Waco, Texas at the age of 85. He was formerly of West, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. Buddy was born on December 31, 1937 in Wichita Falls, Texas to the late Robert and Myra (née Payne) Shieldes. He was a 1956 graduate of West High School and a 1960 graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. On June 4, 1960 he was united in marriage to Margaret Hruska in West. Margaret preceded him in death on October 17, 1980. He then married Dolores (Knapp) Hudson on June 27, 1987 in Pleasanton. Dolores also preceded him in death on November 25, 2013. Buddy then was united in marriage to Cathy (née Campbell) Miller on August 29, 2015 in Waco. Buddy and Cathy were members of Saint Jerome Catholic Church in Waco and was a former member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in West, where he served as a Deacon as he had for many years prior and since. Buddy proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and continued with the Army Reserves until his retirement in 1998 at a Lt. Colonel. He was also a member of the West Veterans Honor Guard, West Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4819, the American Legion Post #345, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Waco Chapter #1012**, and Knights of Columbus Councils #2305 and #13005. Buddy worked in retail management for many different businesses including K-Mart, Western Auto, Lowe's, and was a substitute teacher at St. Mary's School in West prior to retiring in 2000. Buddy enjoyed playing, writing, and singing music; playing many instruments including his favorite, the banjo; volunteering; and ministering to others. He and Cathy loved, in recent years, performing for various churches, rest homes, and halls. He played with many groups including the West Polka Boys and Banjo Buddies. Buddy is also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Selah Rose Shieldes. Survivors include his beloved wife of 7 years, Cathy Miller Shieldes of Waco; his children, Ann Massey of Grapevine, Robert Shieldes of Austin, Stephen Shieldes and wife Krista of San Antonio, and Mandy Sorenson and husband Eric of Los Angeles, CA; step sons, Eric Hudson and wife Kelli of Hillsboro, Gerald Miller of Waco, and Marshall Miller and wife Elissa of San Marcos; his grandchildren, Katie, Mark, and Elise Massey; a sister-in-law, Jeanette Karlik and husband Bill; his faithful dog, Fritz; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A memorial rosary was recited at 5:00 PM on Tuesday at Saint Jerome's Catholic Church in Waco. The family received visitors from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Aderhold Funeral Home in West. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Saint

Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in West with Reverend Father Ed Karasek as celebrant, assisted by Reverend Father James Ekeocha and Deacons Ronnie Sykora and Greg George. Military Graveside Rites were conducted at Saint Mary's Cemetery, conducted by West Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the West Veterans Honor Guard or to your local parish.



FRANK FORD SMITH - Died Friday, July 7, 2023 at his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado on October 14, 1945 to the late C.A Smith and June Edna Smith. Frank was born into a military family where he went on to live in numerous states across the United States as his Father was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. After the retirement of his dad in the military the family resided in Lava Hot Springs, ID where he ended up spending most of his life and graduated from Marsh Valley High School in Arimo, ID and met his wife Janet R Whitehead with which they later divorced. After High School he always had a passion for anything mechanical and proceeded to follow his Father's footsteps and serve in the United States Air Force from January 10, 1966 to April 4, 1968 as a combat engineer. After his service with Honorable Discharge, he moved to Salt Lake City and eventually found his home in Ucon, ID. Frank was always from the day he was born into anything mechanical or technical, After moving to Ucon he was part business owner of Eagle Rock Business System's as a cash register salesman/repairman later continuing on to I-Tec business System's and finding a career as a I.T Specialist at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Hospital for 20+ years he continued on to form his own company C.V World LLC a computer and networking Co., As He grew older his passion for the Military and Veteran's grew stronger. He became involved in all the Local Veteran's organizations, was *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ucon Chapter #972**, as well as being on the State Council American Legion Post #56; He was founder/President of The American Legion Riders Association for the State of Idaho and current President of the Snake River Chapter. In 2015 He came up with an Idea to give back to his military brothers and sisters and organized Veteran's Mobility Corp a service that gave mobility back to injured Vet's by providing them electric power wheelchairs in his time he gave 378 chairs to Vet's, individuals and children to give their mobility and Life back. Frank was always known for his hard work, his kindness, his dedication and his famous stories and Positive outlook on life there was nothing you could throw at him that he could not come back with a positive story or comment. He will be Gratefully Missed by Many. He is preceded in death to his father C.A Smith, his Mother June Smith, Brother Brian Smith, Sister Patty Carmen, Son Frank Smith IV and grandson Kasey Burgess. Survived by Daughter Tanya Smith Burgess, Son Brad Smith, Granddaughter Kodee k. Smith, Granddaughter Wendy Smith, Grandson Jayden E. Smith, Grandson Brendan D. Smith, Grandson Jeremy Burgess and 5 great grandchildren. A Celebration of life and Graveside Service were held at a later date. In lieu of Flowers, preferred donations to keep his favorite non-profit operating and his dream of helping other's Donations can be sent to www.freefunder.com/FrankSmithhs legacy or mail to: Veterans Mobility Corp 10884 N. Yellowstone Hwy, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.



RICHARD ALLEN “Dick” SMOCK - Died Monday, May 29, 2023 at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota at the age of 74. He was a resident of Andalusia, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born in Rock Island, Illinois on April 11, 1949 to the late John M. and Eva M. (née Hopper) Smock. He married Marlowe Robinson on May 15, 1971 at the First Presbyterian Church, Milan. Richard was a United States Army Veteran who served during Vietnam. He received numerous medals including a Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. Richard worked for 25 years as an assembler for Raymond Toyota Manufacturing in Muscatine, Iowa. He retired in 2014. Richard enjoyed golfing, snowmobiling, boating and riding UTV’s (side by side) with friends. He was a member of the Reynolds American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marlowe Smock, Andalusia; and siblings, Bill Sehnert, Andalusia, Jack Smock, Milan and Mary Alderson, LeClaire, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Virginia Carpio and Sandra Pate. A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, Milan. Visitation was held from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the funeral home. The burial took place at Andalusia Cemetery, Andalusia, Illinois, where military honors were presented. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in care of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota or the Vietnam Veterans of America #299. Online condolences, memories and expressions of sympathy may be left for the family at wheelanpressly.com.



ALFRED B. “Spilly” SPIHLMANN - Died Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at home in Damiansville, Illinois at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 4, 1946 in Breese, Illinois to the late Bernard W. “Barney” and Marie H. (née Pingsterhaus) Spihlmann. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings in infancy, Vincent, Robert, Regina, and Mary Spihlmann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cletus and Rita “Butch”, nee Rakers, Fuehne; brothers-in-law, Donald Fuehne and Duck Netemeyer; and niece, Heather Fuehne. Spilly is survived by his wife, Darlene (née Fuehne) Spihlmann, of Damiansville, whom he married August 28, 1970 at St. Damian Catholic Church in Damiansville; children, Deb (Kurt) Becker of Bartelso, Jeff (Jill) Spihlmann of Bartelso, and Jason (Erica) Spihlmann of Breese; grandchildren, Devon and Seth Becker, Carter, Tyler, and Lance Spihlmann, Lexie and Kayla Spihlmann; siblings, Marcella (Larry) Markus of Aviston and Marilyn (Hans) Hecker of St. Louis; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Shirley Netemeyer of Albers, Mary Lou (Tom) Huling of Fairview Heights, Nancy (Butch) Toennies of Damiansville, Dave (Cindy “Cid”) Fuehne of Damiansville, Lynn (Don) Koerkenmeier of Stilwell, KS, and Steve (Gwen) Fuehne of Damiansville; and numerous nieces and nephews. Spilly was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. He formerly worked at Markus Cabinetry in Aviston, Hunter Meat Packing in

East St. Louis, and was a dairy farmer. He was a member of Saint Damian Catholic Church in Damiansville, Albers American Legion Post #1026, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – (Breese) #269**, and Damiansville Development Club. Spilly had a love for the great outdoors and watching hummingbirds. Hunting, fishing, and mushroom hunting were not merely hobbies for him; they were lifelong pursuits that brought him joy. He also enjoyed spending time at the clubhouse, where many memories were made and shared. Alfred possessed a mischievous streak that added a sparkle to his character. His love for pulling pranks was legendary, and he brought smiles to countless faces with his clever antics. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Damian Catholic Church in Damiansville with Reverend Father Matthew Elie presiding and Deacon Glenn Netemeyer assisting. The interment was at the Saint Damian Cemetery with full military honors accorded. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 9, 2023 from 2:00–6:00 PM and again on Monday, July 10, 2023 from 8:00–9:15 AM at the Funeral Home in Germantown. The Albers American Legion Post #1026 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269 both visited the funeral home Sunday at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #269, Jared Burke Foundation, or the wishes of the family and will be received at the visitation or by mail, Moss Funeral Home, PO Box 117 Germantown, IL 62245, who was serving the family.



NOLAN H. SQUIER – Died Saturday, April 15, 2023 in Lynchburg, Virginia at the age of 82. He fought a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was born on December 14, 1940 in Wichita Falls, Texas and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He served in ROTC throughout high school and college and is a Vietnam Veteran, proudly serving in the United States Army, the U.S. Army Reserves and the Army National Guard from 1963-1991. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. Nolan obtained a Masters of Management Science degree from Texas Christian University in 1963 and moved to San Diego, California in 1978 to work for General Dynamics as a Logistics Engineer. There he raised his two children and met his wife Lori. Lynchburg, Virginia became home in 2001 when he semi-retired to be near his children and grandchildren. Nolan loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, being with his family, camping, building projects, and repairing things. He served his country again in the Virginia Defense Force and taught as an adjunct professor at Liberty University before officially retiring. Affectionately known as Pops to his family, Nolan is survived by his spouse Lori; his daughter Kristie Kucera (Pete); and grandchildren Schyler and Sean (Gabby); his Son Bryon (Laurie); grandchildren Leah Carter (David) and Brad (Tori); and 6 great grandchildren: Kolton, Benjamin, Avery, McKenna, Fynlee, and Reagan; his brother Bailey and sister Delores Ross. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Thelma Squier, brothers Guy Squier and Pete Squier. A Memorial Service was held in the chapel at Tharp Funeral Home on Saturday, April 29th at 4:00 PM. The family requested donations be made to the Lynchburg Area Veterans Council or the Lewy Body Dementia Organization in lieu of flowers. Lynchburg Area Veterans Council, P.O.

Box 1104, Forest, VA 24551; Lewy Body Dementia Association –www.lbda.org/donate/ The Tharp Funeral Home and Crematory, Lynchburg assisted the family with the arrangements.



RICHARD F. STOLTZ - Died Sunday, May 28, 2023 in North Canton, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on Monday, October 2, 1950 in Spangler, Pennsylvania to Francis Stoltz and the late Sonya Stoltz. He lived in the Akron area most of his life and graduated from Akron North High School. He was a proud United States Army Veteran, drafted to the US Army when he was 19 years old serving in the 25th Infantry Division. His tours included Vietnam and Cambodia where he received 2 Purple Hearts and 1 Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf cluster. After his tour and seeing how horribly he and other vets were treated coming home from Vietnam, he became an advocate for veterans, helping thousands of vets over the years. He volunteered at Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park as well as becoming a Life member of the Cuyahoga Falls VFW #1062 and the American Legion. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. He worked for the USPS for over 30 years, was a member of the Polish American Club and Cuyahoga Falls Elks, and loved golfing, reading and spending time with his friends. Richard is preceded in death by his mother, Sonya Stoltz; brother, Kenneth Stoltz; aunt, Marge Stoltz; and friend for life, Frank Racano. He is survived by his sons, Joe and Michael Stoltz; grandchildren, Trinity, Skyler, Anthony, and Maria; father, Francis Stoltz; sister, Monika Mihiylov; brother, Dale (Pam) Stoltz; sister-in-law, Barbara Stoltz; good friend, Bill (Toni) Norman; special friend, Jaye Watson; the Aberdeen St. Gang and many other loving family and friends. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Hennessy-Bagnoli-Moore Funeral Home, 936 North Main Street, Akron, Ohio. Richard's final resting place was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park, 8005 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Clinton, OH 44216.



ERNEST JOHN "Ernie" STOUKAS (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 28, 2023 at the East Orange Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey at the age of 96. He was a resident of Fords, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 25, 1926 in Vauxhall, New Jersey to the late Plato G. Stoukas and Madeline (née Pauciello) Stoukas. He was raised in West Orange, New Jersey, the eldest of three children. Ernie was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Reserves and the United States Army Reserves. He began his military career in 1944, enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He joined the U.S. Marine Reserves from 1946 to 1951, then signed up for active duty as a Gunnery Sergeant during the Korean War from 1951 to 1952. In 1953, he

joined the Army Reserve and spent 22 years of dedicated service until he retired as a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) in 1985. He received numerous medals, awards, and commendations for his exceptional service and unwavering dedication to duty, including the Chairman's Award, Presidential Service Award, and Meritorious Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. In retirement, Ernie remained active in veteran organizations for 36 years, earning many more commendations and awards for his contributions. He was also involved in his community and willing to help in any way he could. In 1953, Ernie married the love of his life, Anmarie "Lee" Gala, settling in Fords, NJ in 1957, where they raised two children, Daniel and Kimberly. His distinguished career as a Probation Officer for the Essex County Probation Office began in 1954. In 1968 he served as a Federal Probation and Parole Officer for the United States Courts until his retirement in 1988. He earned a B.A. in Psychology at Uppsala College and an M.A. in Professional Education at Seton Hall University. Ernie was the definition of a 'people person' who enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors, but his most cherished time was with his grandchildren. He loved the outdoors, working on his house and tending to his garden. He also enjoyed family trips to his home in the Poconos and annual vacations with Lee in Cancun, where he organized fishing trips, holiday events, and ceremonies to honor Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor. He was a fan of classic Westerns and war movies and was keenly interested in politics and current affairs. Ernie was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and loyal friend to many. He is survived by his son Daniel, daughter Kimberly, daughter-in-law Laura, son-in-law Edward Roxbury, grandchildren Michael and Gianna Stoukas, his sister Helen Pontus and numerous nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his wife, Lee, his brother Plato (J.I.) Stoukas and his nephew Plato Stoukas, Jr. The interment and memorial services were held at the Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge, NJ on June 10th at 11:00 AM.



RAY BERNARD STROUP, JR. – Died Saturday, June 17, 2023 in Lafayette, Louisiana at the age of 80. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born on December 17, 1942 in Dallas, Texas to the late Ray Bernard Stroup, Sr., and Evelyn (née Smith) Stroup and was a long-time resident of Acadiana, Louisiana and he grew up on many Army Posts: Japan, Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, and Fort Campbell. Ray graduated from Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth, Kansas and went on to attend the University of Kansas, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering in 1965, and the University of Texas, obtaining an MBA. Ray was an Ordnance Officer in the United States Army and served in Vietnam in 1966-67. Ray's professional career began in Tulsa, Oklahoma with Sun-Ray DX, followed by time as a management consultant for Cresap, Paget, and McCormick. The South called him back and he worked in Dallas, TX before moving to Acadiana. He moved on from LouAna Foods in Opelousas to serve as the Vice-President of Marketing at Stuller Settings - from peanut oil to jewelry. He taught Marketing courses at The University of Louisiana from 2004-2011. He was an Eagle Scout, a brown belt in karate, a runner and an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA. He was the most devoted, loving and hard-working husband and father. Ray was reserved and modest, a good friend, and a good man. He had many friends and was known to never criticize others or gossip. Ray was active in his community and belonged to First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, LA, Red Lerville's, Les Brigands de Lafitte, and the Krewe of Gabriel. He served as a Noble Duke for the Krewe of Attakapas. Ray loved The University of Kansas basketball, and University of Texas football. He was a reader, a computer whiz, and a gardener. In retirement, he served as a volunteer consultant with SCORE, Service Corps of Retired Executives. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Ray is survived by his beloved wife, of 58 years, Pamela Louise (née Stone) Stroup, of Lafayette, LA; son, Andrew Monty and his wife, Latonya Stroup, of Frisco, TX; daughter, Sally Stroup Horn, of Lafayette, LA; sister, Margaret McElroy Moriarty and her husband, Dan, of Glenwood Springs, CO; brother-in-law, Stephen and his wife, Nancy Stone, of Athens, GA; former son-in-law, Timothy Horn, of Lafayette, LA; three cousins, Chrissie Ramirez, of Houston, TX, Lois Morton, of Houston, TX, Sheila Jakubik, of Allen, TX; three grandchildren, Damian Stewart Horn, Andi Lee Horn, and Zoe Rae Stroup; one great-grandchild, Ryder James Horn and dear nieces, Wendy and Amy, and nephews, Ben and Tucker. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Bernard, Sr., and Evelyn Smith Stroup; his sister, Dorothy Ann Stroup; brother in-law, Michael Douglas McElroy; nephew, Michael Douglas, Jr., and friends, Mike Metzler, Fred Hamilton, Don Haight, Robin Squires, Peter Golden, Arthur Green, and Carl Bauer. The family wishes to thank Calcutta House at Hospice of Acadiana of Lafayette, LA, for the compassionate care given to Ray and his family. A Memorial Service was celebrated on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, LA, for Ray Bernard Stroup, Jr., 80, who passed away June 17, 2023, at Calcutta House of Hospice of Acadiana, in Lafayette, LA from complications of dementia/Alzheimer's. Visitation was observed on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM until the time of service, at First Presbyterian Church, in Lafayette, LA. Inurnment was at a later date in Restland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Leigh Rachel, Pastor of Abbeville Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, LA officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Ray's name to Hospice of

Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA, 70503-3240. Online obituary and guest book may be viewed at www.fountainmemorialfuneralhome.com. The Fountain Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1010 Pandora Street was in charge of the arrangements.



VANCE ALLAN STUENESS - Died Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at his home in Sun Tan Valley, Arizona at the age of 73, under the care of hospice. He was formerly of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 12, 1948 in Ada, Minnesota, the eldest of 5 children of the late Bennie and Veronica (née Berray) Stueness. Vance grew up on the family farm in rural Twin Valley, where his love of agriculture began. He attended school in Twin Valley, graduating with the Class of 1966. Following his graduation, Vance enlisted in the United States Navy in September of 1966. He served on the east and west coasts, before being sent to Vietnam in 1970 as part of a search and rescue team. In December of 1970, Vance was honorably discharged from the Navy. He returned home to Twin Valley and worked for the Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company. During this time, he also attended Moorhead Technical College for agricultural sales and management. While taking classes he was offered a job at the Kragnes Farmers Elevator Co. in Sabin. Vance worked there prior to beginning his extensive career with Chipman, now known as Syngenta. He started in sales and worked his way to upper management, overseeing 15 states. Vance spent the last two years of his career starting the seed treatment division for West Central Inc. in Willmar. Around 2008, he officially retired. On June 29, 1985, Vance was united in marriage to the love of his life, LeAnn (née Chandler) Barron, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota. They made their home on Pelican Lake, near Pelican Rapids for approximately 30 years. The draw of playing golf year-round and not having to deal with Minnesota winters appealed to Vance and Lea; in 2008, they permanently moved to San Tan Valley, Arizona. They return to Minnesota during the summer months to enjoy their fifth wheel at the Forest Hills Golf and RV Center near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. As a proud veteran, Vance was a member the Joe Foss American Legion Post #97 in San Tan Valley, a *Life Member* of **West Central Minnesota Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235** in Alexandria, and former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5252 in Pelican Rapids. In addition to his love of golf, Vance also enjoyed boating, traveling, jeeping, and participating in events with his veteran brothers and sisters. Always gracious hosts, Vance and LeAnn often entertained family and friends at their lake home in Pelican Rapids and in later years, they welcomed visitors in Arizona. Vance cherished the time he was able to spend with his family, especially with his six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters that he so lovingly adored. Vance is survived by his wife of 37 years, LeAnn of San Tan Valley, AZ; children, James Stueness (Nancy Blaney) of Twin Valley, Stacie Reiersen of Devils Lake, Robert (Heather) Barron of Beulah, ND, and Tiffany (Staffan) Strand of Stocksund, Sweden; grandchildren, Dustin (Courtney) Stueness, Preston Reiersen, Nathaniel "Toby" (Malloreigh) Barron, Shea Barron, Samuel Strand, and Sophia Strand;

two great-granddaughters, Alyson and Alexis Stueness; siblings, Gary (Betty) Stueness of Ada, LaCinda (Richard) Scruggs of Anchorage, Alaska, Kent (Denice) Stueness of Twin Valley, and Shellie Bueng (Mike Milligan) of Glyndon; father-in-law, Ralph Chandler of Twin Valley; brothers-in-law, Ralph (Deirdre) Chandler of Caledonia, ND and Dean (Darlene) Chandler of Queen Creek, AZ; sister-in-law, Cheryl (Dean) Dormanen of Gilbert, AZ; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie Stueness and Veronica Hoven; mother-in-law, Charlotte Chandler; niece, Tiffany Burdett; and great-nieces, Dayton Vigasaa-Avery and TRE Burdett. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 25, 2022 at Zion Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids with Reverend Salim Kaderbhai officiating. The burial with full military honors provided by the West Central Minnesota Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #235, Alexandria, Minnesota and the United States Navy. Visitation was held from 4:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, April 24, 2022 and one hour prior to the service on Monday, both at the church. Memorials were preferred to Grounded No More Veteran Flight Lift. Dusty Stueness, Preston Reiersen, Toby Barron, Shea Barron, Sam Strand, and Korey Bueng served as casket bearers. The arrangements were entrusted to the Dingmann Funeral Care Burial and Cremation Services of Annandale.



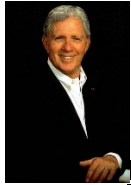
MARTIN MALEY "Marty" SULLIVAN – Died Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born in Horseheads on August 28, 1945 to the late Michael and Katherine Sullivan. Marty was a graduate of Horseheads High School (1964), Corning Community College and Elmira College. He married his high school sweetheart, Patty, on November 5, 1966 shortly before leaving for the Mediterranean and then on to the coast of Vietnam. Marty was a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran who circled the globe while serving aboard the aircraft carriers the USS Intrepid and USS America. He was a volunteer firefighter with Tompkins Corners Volunteer Fire department for many years, as well as a paramedic with Erway Ambulance (#23) where he made many friends. Marty was a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and long-time parishioner of St. Mary Our Mother Catholic Church in Horseheads. After retirement from Ralph W. Earl Company in Syracuse, Marty served as an officer and docent and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803** and at the Vietnam Veterans Museum Chapter #803, and as a member of the Chemung County Honor Guard. As an avid golfer, he was often seen chasing the mowers with his golfing buddies while the grass was still wet with the morning dew. Marty is predeceased by his parents, Michael and Katherine; his siblings, Kitty (Pete), Annie (Fred), Tiney (Dick) and Michael (Cindy); his nephews, Larry, Tim, Matt and Brett; and his great-niece Jodie Kay. Of all his accomplishments, it was as a father that Marty truly flourished. He was blessed with four wonderful children, whom he loved with every fiber of his being. His dedication to his family was immeasurable, and he worked tirelessly to provide them with a comfortable and loving home. Marty's unwavering support, gentle guidance, and unconditional love were the cornerstones of his role as a father, and he took immense joy in witnessing his children grow into compassionate, responsible adults. As a hardworking provider, Marty always went above and beyond to ensure the well-being of his family. He

tirelessly pursued his professional endeavors, often sacrificing his own comfort for the sake of his loved ones. Marty's commitment to excellence and his strong work ethic set an example for all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Marty will be dearly missed by his beloved wife Patty (née Sando), his children Marty, Mary, Patrick and Sean, his grandchildren, Molly, Anthony, Ryan, Emma, Ellie, Céili, Colin, and little Fiona as well as extended family, and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances whose lives he touched in profound ways. We celebrate the remarkable life of Marty Sullivan, a man who left an indelible mark on our hearts and whose memory will forever be a blessing. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the entire staff at Elcor Nursing and Rehabilitation for the loving care Marty received, especially the wonderful people on Colonial Ridge West whose names are too numerous to mention. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the Lynch Funeral Home, 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY on Friday May 26, 2023 from 3:00-6:00 PM. Marty's Funeral Services were held following calling hours 6:30 PM with Reverend John DeSocio officiating. Full Military Honors were accorded Mr. Sullivan at the Funeral Home. Words of condolence and memories may be shared at www.lynchsfumeralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Marty's name or to a charity of one's choosing.



GORDON RAY TASSI - Died Saturday, May 20, 2023 in Dumfries, Virginia at the age of 84. The cause of death was cancer. Gordon was born on November 6, 1938 in San Jose California to the late Roy and Yola (née Cervelli) Tassi, where he was raised with his brother Carl. After graduating in 1960 from Santa Clara University he was commissioned in the United States Army where he served for 10 years, to include one tour in Vietnam. After his military service he was an instructor and football coach at Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, KS., and then a Crime Prevention Officer in Tracy, CA., he then entered into Federal service. Gordon retired from the General Services Administration as an emergency response planner and a member of the National Response Team. Gordon enjoyed his retirement and was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manassas where he chaired the annual festival for many years as he had previously done at Holy Family Catholic Church, Dale City. He was also a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees organization. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. Gordon enjoyed volunteer work with the Vietnam Veterans Association and the Freedom Museum in Manassas Virginia. Gordon took pleasure in traveling to Canada, Ireland and to visit family and friends in Italy. He married his wife Ruby in 1960 and they welcomed five children, each of whom was born in five different states. Gordon is survived by his wife Ruby of 63 years; his children Brian, Bridget, Diedre, Jennifer, and Kevin; grandchildren, Christopher, Samantha, Helina and Sierra and great-grandchildren; Ender, Benjamin, Rafaela and Emma. He is also survived by his brother, Carl. He was predeceased by his granddaughter Corinne. Visitation was 31 May from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Boulevard in Woodbridge. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on 1 June at 11:00 AM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 12975 Purcell Road,

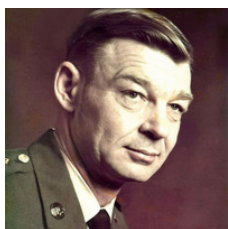
Manassas. The interment took place following the Mass at Quantico National Cemetery at 1:00 PM. The family invited everyone in attendance to join them for a funeral reception after the interment at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers a donation to The Wounded Warrior Project, American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, or your local VFW is appreciated.



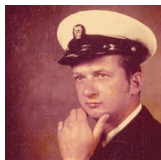
REISS PRICE "Spud" TATUM - Died Thursday, July 20, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 83, with his wife, Cathie, by his side. The cause of death was a long battle living with pulmonary fibrosis and ischemic heart disease. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 18, 1940 to the late William M. Tatum, Sr. and Dorothy L. (née Clark) Tatum. He was known as "Spud" to many old friends and family. Reiss attended elementary school in Tucson, Arizona while living on a boys' known as "Spud" to many old friends and family known as "Spud" to many old friends and family while living on a boys' ranch and middle school and high school at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. Having completed the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program while in college, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Regular Marine Corps. He spent the next six and a half years as an infantry officer. His assignments included Quantico, Virginia; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; USS Intrepid, Norfolk, Virginia; combat company commander, Vietnam (Bronze Star with combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and other unit awards); and the Director of Sea School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California. In 1967, during his assignment as the Director of Sea School, he married Catherine Sirney, whom he met while stationed in Hawaii. After leaving the Marine Corps in 1968 to pursue a career in business, Reiss spent most of the next thirty-one years in the chain restaurant industry before starting and operating his own executive recruiting company in 1999 and retiring in 2010. In that year, Reiss was implanted with a cardiac ventricular assist device (LVAD) enabling him to survive many years beyond expectations. Reiss described his life from childhood, through Vietnam combat, business career, medical challenges, and spiritual awakening in his book *Not an Ordinary Life*. Reiss was known for the many meaningful relationships he fostered through his devotion to the Marine Corps, fellowship at the church, and dedication to his family. Reiss lived his life as a Marine. He was a member, and officer, of the Jacksonville Semper Fidelis Society, attended Lima 3/5 and Kbay reunions, and had his door open to Marines that needed help. Having been a combat Marine officer, he never lost that sense of commitment, responsibility, and respect for a fellow Marine. "Once a Marine, always a Marine." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**. His dedication and sense of commitment were also evident in his church life. In 1996, Reiss and Cathie joined Mandarin Presbyterian Church and for the next 27 years, he was involved in many aspects. Throughout the years he served as a Stephen Minister and Deacon, launched and taught Career Transition Workshop, participated in the men's bible study and Kevin's men's group, attended CLC, and attended and volunteered for Great Banquet. His service to the church brought him peace and meaningful friendships. He is survived

by Catherine (née Sirney) Tatum, his wife of 56 years; his son Hunter Tatum and his son, Carter, with Kris Tatum; his daughter Heather Tatum and her children, Ashton and Winsland, with husband Brian Paull. He was preceded in death by his father, William M. Tatum, Sr., his mother, Dorothy L. (née Clark) Tatum, and his brother, William M. Tatum, Jr. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: www.communityhospice.com; www.t2t.org; www.k9sforwarriors.org or your choice of veterans' organization. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hgmandarin.com for the Tatum family.

ROBERT J. TAYLOR – Died Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in Gandy, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Minnesota on June 27, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mora Chapter #684**.



EDWARD H. THIESSEN (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Friday, May 19, 2023 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Walnut, Iowa on October 8, 1935 to the late Henry and Dolly (née Sandbothe) Thiessen. Edward was an "Iowa farm boy" who received a scholarship to play college football but dropped out to help his family. He joined the United States Army and did his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He served his country for over 20 years, serving three tours in Vietnam earning two Bronze Stars and many other awards. While stationed in Germany he coached a football team to a European Championship. He retired as the Fire Chief of the U.S. Army Garrison, Bamberg, Germany. He had two mentors that he had the highest respect for during his time in service, which were General Franks and General Baxter. Edward fought the good fight. He loved God, his country, his family, and he loved unconditionally. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Edward is survived by his wife of 38 years, Virginia L. Thiessen, two sons, Thomas Thiessen and wife Petra and Henry P. Thiessen and wife Cathy, two stepsons, Scott Prosser and wife Natalie and Richard Prosser, grandchildren, Michael Thiessen and wife Lani, Robert Thiessen, Cory Russell, Taylor Prosser, Austin Prosser and wife Shelby, Sydney Prosser, and Asher Prosser, great grandchildren, Cherish Thiessen, Silas Thiessen, Jacob, Caleb, Levi Thiessen, Neveah Lord, Julia, Arthur Prosser, Lily Prosser, Dillon Claxton, and Jaida Dye, two sisters, Charolette Thiessen of Omaha, Nebraska and Irene Borham and husband Eric of Allen, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jim Thiessen, sister, Joanne Peterson and husband John. A gathering for family and friends were held from 5:00 till 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Master Sergeant Thiessen was laid to rest on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Fort Sill National Cemetery with full military honors.



DOUGLAS LEON "Doug" VAN LEAR - Died Thursday, June 8, 2023 in Staunton, Virginia at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 28, 1941 in Staunton to the late Oney A. "OA" and Catherine (née Trimble) Van Lear. Mr. Van Lear served in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1976, including two tours in Vietnam and ten years in the Navy Reserves. Doug was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Harrisonburg Chapter #1061** and a member of the American Legion Post #13 of Staunton. After retiring from DuPont as a mechanic with 33 years of service, he became a self-taught, accomplished woodworker. His favorite saying, which he often used, was, "that is a solution waiting for a problem". Mr. Van Lear graduated from Churchville High School in 1959. He was a member of Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ, was a Man of God and quite a Bible scholar. Doug was actively involved in the Churchville Community Food Pantry. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his more youthful years. Doug is survived by his wife, Glenda (née Blackwell) Van Lear; his daughter, Catherine (Bow) Parr, two grandsons, Tyler (Brandi) Michael and Cody Parr; and a great-granddaughter, Adalyn Michael. He is also survived by a brother, Philip (Dottie) Van Lear; several nieces, nephews and cousins; two stepchildren, Jennifer Newbold and Chris Blackwell; and two step-granddaughters, Madeline and Waverly Blackwell. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, June 12, 2023 at Henry Funeral Home and other times at the residence. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the Henry Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors George Etling and Lester Kennedy co-officiating. The burial with military honors was at the Green Hill Cemetery in Churchville. Active pallbearers were Tyler Michael, Cody Parr, Andrew Van Lear, Jamie Van Lear, Gerald Botkin, Alan Sloan, Mark Botkin, Patrick Parr, and Warren Miller. The honorary pallbearers were the Arthur Pilgrim Sunday School Class. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ, 935 Jerusalem Chapel Road, Churchville, VA 24421 or the Churchville Community Food Pantry, P. O. Box 22, Churchville, VA 24421.

WILLIAM J. "Bill" VEST – Died Wednesday, May 3, 2023 in Zephyrhills, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was an *At- Large Incarcerated Associate Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



SHELDON C. E. VOIGT, JR. - Died peacefully Sunday, May 14, 2023 at home in Merrill, Wisconsin at the age of 73, under the care of Saint Croix Hospice. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1949 in Merrill to the late Sheldon C. E. Voigt, Sr. and Dorothy (née Ohlmann) Voigt. On July 25, 1981 he married Karen Hoff at Saint Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau. Sheldon served his country in the United States Army 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam from June 1969 until May 1970 when he was wounded in action. He was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mar-Lin Post No. 10203 and a *Life Member* of the DAV and **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Stetsonville Chapter #479. In 2019 he was proud to be on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. From 1997 until 2022 he served as a Town of Berlin Supervisor. He was a beloved 4-H leader for the Naugart Knights 4-H Club. Every August he could be found in the barns at the Wisconsin Valley Fair watching his children, and then grandchildren showing animals. He enjoyed time spent in Tomahawk, pontooning, fishing and camping as well as time in New Wood at the hunting shack, “The Swamphole.” Above all he loved being “Papa” to his grandchildren, attending all of their events, and having treats on hand when they visited. He passed on his love of Farmall Tractors to each of them gifting them a Farmall Pedal Tractor for their first Christmas, even though it would be years until they could ride them. Survivors include his wife, Karen Voigt, Merrill; daughters, Connie (Brian) Nowak, Athens, Amy (Brian) Marquardt, Wausau, Crystal (Dan) Zernicke, Merrill and Jessica (Jacob) Sherry, Onkama, MI; grandchildren, Dawson Nowak, Mariah Marquardt, Emma Nowak, Dylan Marquardt, Sarah Sherry, Leah Sherry, Henry Marquardt, Charles Sherry, Chloe Zernicke, Gabriel Sherry and Hunter Zernicke; siblings, Robert (Karen) Voigt, Wausau, Susan (Lyle) Thurs, Hamburg and Michael (Andrea) Voigt, Merrill; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Wayne Voigt and Richard Voigt. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau. Reverend Timothy Smith officiated. The burial was in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. Visitation was held on Monday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 3400 Stewart Avenue, Wausau and again on Tuesday from 9:00 AM until the time of service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.



LYLE CURTIS WATNE - Died Friday, March 17, 2023 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 73. He was a resident of Alexandria, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fosston, Minnesota on October 2, 1949 to the late Lloyd and Lorraine (née Lunden) Watne and was baptized and confirmed at Ekelund Lutheran Church and raised on the family farm in Goodridge, MN. After school, Lyle worked in Seattle, WA before enlisting in the United States Army in November 1968. He was deployed to the Central Highlands of Vietnam and stationed at Hue, Fire Support Bases Nancy, Barbara, Tomahawk 1, Tomahawk 2, and Sally during his 16-month deployment. He received a Purple Heart medal while in the hospital in Da Nang, Vietnam. He returned home in 1970 and attended the Thief River Falls, MN, Vocational School. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235**. He was married in March 1971 and together they had a daughter*. He worked various jobs, including in the wild rice fields, repairing equipment for Furseth Nelson Implement, and at the missile base in Nekoma, ND. In 1975, he settled into his forever home next to his brother Larry in Alexandria, MN. Lyle worked in construction for a few years, and prior to retirement, he was a welder for a company that fabricated airport baggage components, which took him from coast to coast and even to Hawaii. He was also honored at the 2019 Goodridge Freedom Fest for his service in Vietnam. He paid great attention to detail and took immense pride in caring for his cars, yard, and maintaining his tractors. His hobbies included visiting with family & friends, tinkering with

his tractors, watching NASCAR, and being on the lake. He lost his long-term partner, Charlotte, in January 2023. His unwavering commitment to her well-being was a testament to his kind & compassionate nature. Lyle is survived by his sister, Linda (Howard) Hanson of Trail, MN; brothers, Lonnie Watne of Goodridge, MN, & Lowell (Sherlene) Watne of E Grand Forks, MN; nieces and nephews, Joanne Olson, Tammy (Lynn) Schmeling, Loren (Lori) Watne, Jimmy (Melissa) Watne, Dean (Naomi) Hanson, Shannon (Jessie) Watne, Jaclyn (Jamie) Lunsetter, David (Jennifer) Watne, and Brittany (Steven) Hervey; his daughter*, granddaughters*, many other relatives. Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Lorraine Watne; brother, Larry Watne; nieces, Wendy Thrane, Laurie Bentley, and Paige Watne; nephew, Luane Hanson; and his special friend, Charlotte Kroska. Lyle will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His commitment to serving his country and his sense of humor will always be remembered. The arrangements for a celebration of life was celebrated at a later date. *Names were withheld per the daughter's request.



WAYNE EDWARD WATTS, SR. - Died Friday, April 28, 2023 in Harvest, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Alabaster, Alabama on January 1, 1943 to the late Edgar Earl and Frances Watts. He served in the United States Army before entering law enforcement. He served 33 years at the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, where he retired as Captain. He taught high speed pursuit, defensive driving and motorcycle safety at the University of Montevallo Traffic Safety Center. Wayne was a member of Shelby County FOP Lodge #41, lifetime member of 11th Armored Calvary's Combat Infantry Association, and was a member of the Helion Masonic Lodge #1 in Huntsville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. Wayne's hobbies included drag racing, collecting guns, being an extreme car buff including serving as president of the Mid-Alabama Corvette Club in the 1980s, and watching football. Most of all, he loved his grandchildren, and supported their efforts and interests. Wayne was preceded in death by his son, Wayne Watts, Jr; and brother, Larry Watts. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Alice "Kay" Watts; son, Eddy Watts (Terrie); daughters, Sandy Ceravolo (Joey) and Stacy Ward (John); daughter-in-law, Tracy Watts; brother, Carl Watts (Kelly); sister-in-law, Debbie Watts; eleven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A visitation for Wayne was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Rockco Funeral Home, 3715 Highway 25, Montevallo, Alabama. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM, 3715 Highway 25, Montevallo, Alabama. The committal service was on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 12:30 PM at the Alabama National Cemetery, 3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, Alabama 35115. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.rockcofuneralmontevallo.com for the Watts family.

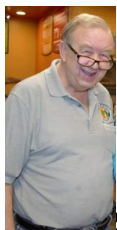


ALBERT R. WEIGEL - Died Thursday, March 9, 2023 in Hackensack, New Jersey at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Orange, New Jersey to the late Marjorie E. and Albert S. Weigel. Albert was a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy and was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800*. Before retiring, he was the owner of East Coast Industries in Garfield. Beloved husband of Helene (née Guarino) Weigel. Devoted father of Catherine Tanda and her husband Randolph and Damaris Zeppieri. Dear brother of Jeanne Kotcher and Marge Regan. Loving grandfather of Matthew, Brandon, Elizabeth, Christopher and Paul. The funeral from Costa Memorial Home Boulevard and Central Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights was held on Wednesday, March 15th at 9:00 AM. Funeral Liturgy from Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, 260 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights was celebrated at 10:00 AM. The interment was at the George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 14th from 6:00-9:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Boys Town would be appreciated.



DOUGLAS A. WELLS (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 24, 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 80, surrounded by family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 24, 1942 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to the late James L. and Lelia R. (née Wagner) Wells. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Army and served with distinction for over 20 years. He retired in 1979 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, following a decorated career that included multiple tours in Vietnam. Among his notable achievements, he was honored with the Bronze Star Medal. On February 25, 1967, he married Janice M. Cribbs in Lawton, Oklahoma. Douglas's thirst for knowledge led him to pursue higher education during and after his military career. He earned bachelor's degrees in computer science and business management, in addition to completing two associate degrees. After retiring from the Army, he joined the City of Lawton as the Director of Computer Services and Emergency Management. Furthermore, he served as an adjunct professor at Cameron University, teaching computer science. In the community, Douglas made a lasting impact. He served on the Lawton City Council, representing Ward 8, for three terms from 2009 to 2018 and serving as Mayor Pro Tem as needed. His commitment to public service and his dedication to his constituents were commendable. Douglas was an active member of Lawton First Assembly and devoted several years as a Primetimer sponsor. He was a member of the Lawton Masonic Lodge #183, and served as a Past Master. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. He is survived by his beloved wife. He is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Linda Wells, of Altus, Oklahoma, and his daughter, Heidi Hill, of Bloomington, Illinois. Additionally, he is survived by his granddaughter, Dr. Adrienne Wells of Eureka, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law

Randy Hill, three brothers (Jim, Jack, and Jerry), and two sisters (Margaret and Frances). The funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at the Lawton First Assembly. The service was officiated by Reverend Gary Pratt, Associate Pastor. Following the service, Douglas was laid to rest with full military honors at Fort Sill National Cemetery. The arrangements were under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be available for viewing online at <http://youtube.com/@lawtonfirst1>. The family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Douglas's memory.



STEVEN ROSS "Steve" WENDLING - Died Saturday, May 13, 2023 in Sidney, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on June 29, 1946 to the late Leroy and Agnes (née Kerschner) Wendling. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his beloved wife of 52 years, Sharon Wendling; grandson, Devin Wendling; and many brothers and sisters. Steve is survived by his loving children, Mark (Heather) Wendling, Brian (Stephanie) Wendling, Mike Wendling, Keith (Jennifer) Wendling and Staci Noury; grandchildren, Gary, Tayler, Kendra, Emma, Tristan, David and Colton; and many other loving family and friends. Steve served his country proudly by serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from AAA after 30 years as an Accountant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dayton Chapter #97** for many years. In his free time, he enjoyed bowling, coaching bowling and soccer, leading Boy Scout troops and spending time with his family. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 3380 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at Saint Helen Parish, 605 Granville Place, Dayton. The burial was in the Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place.



DONALD WAYNE WHITE - Died Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the Mountain Home VA Community Living Center in Mountain Home, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Bristol, Virginia. He lost his ten-year battle with cancer. He was born on July 2, 1949 in Scott County, Virginia to the late Lucy Jane (née Moore) White and Arthur Linzy White. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Linzy Gary White. Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 22 years, Sylvia (née Cole) White; son, Michael White and wife Heather; granddaughter, Hayden; sister, Linda Charlotte Jones and husband John; brother, Everette White; nieces and a nephew; and several cousins. Donald enjoyed gardening as much as he took pleasure in giving it away. As a member of First Christian Church of Abingdon, he would often be seen carrying in bags of his harvest. Over the years, many of the children there knew

him as the treat man, whether it be a dollar or piece of candy. When it came to strangers, he never met one, and if you knew him, you had his devotion for life. This resilient veteran was a compassionate, gentle, and humble man. His faith in Christ was intense, however, as well as his devotion as a husband, dad, grandpa, brother, and uncle. Family ties were strong for Donald. Many hours were spent climbing up the family tree on Ancestry, where he excitedly extended his line of cousins. He never turned his head from family, or hard work either. He was always willing to lend a helping hand at home, or on the job. Much of his career was spent at Columbus McKinnon, where he forged friendships for a lifetime. Donald's life was full and well loved. As a proud veteran of the United States Army, Donald served during operations in the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #1994, and the Disabled American Veterans James E. Peters Chapter #57. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. The family would like to make special recognition and appreciation to those that supplied special care for Donald these last few years; Dr. Tamarro Taylor, MD, Dr. Christine Adler, PhD, Dr. Andrew Turrisi, III, MD, and all of the nurses and staff of the James H. Quillen Mountain Home VA. Visitation with the family was held from 1:00-2:00 PM on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the First Christian Church, 185 Old Jonesboro Road, Abingdon, VA. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM at the church with Minister Tom Crise officiating. The entombment was in the Serenity Gardens Mausoleum of Forest Hills Memory Gardens with military rites conducted by Highlands Veterans Honor Guard and the Virginia Army National Guard. Those serving as pallbearers were Darris White, Lee White, Gary Cole, Scott Clawson, Kenny Schweitzer, and Kenny Pope. The honorary pallbearers were Charles Preston White, Jr., Tom McCann, Danny Rock, Doyle White, William W. Cole, and Wayne Lambert. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so by visiting www.farrisfuneralservice.com and signing the online guest register. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the charity of your choice. The family of Donald Wayne White was being cared for by the Farris Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 East Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210.



THOMAS D. "Tom" WHITE - Died peacefully Saturday, July 15, 2023 in the Chautauqua Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility of Dunkirk, New York at the age of 79, following a brief illness. He was a resident of Fredonia, New York and formerly of Brocton, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on July 9, 1944 in Dunkirk, New York to the late Daniel and Margaret (née Miller) White. Following high school, Tom went on to serve his Country joining the United States Army from 1962 until 1965 and then continued to serve as a Reservist until 1968. On April 1, 1967 Tom married the love of his life, Nancy Bialy, who after 55 years of marriage, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2022. Tom had been employed for many years as a maintenance worker for the New York State Thruway Authority. Following his retirement, Tom was very involved with the Veteran community, serving as commander of the John W Dill Post #434 American Legion of Brocton, NY and was Chautauqua County American Legion Commander from 2007 - 2008. He was a lifetime member of Post #434 American Legion of Brocton, The Conservation Club and the First Ward Falcons Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter**

#459. Tom was proud to tell that he was a blood donor giving 31 gallons of blood throughout his life. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, two sisters, Joanne Schihl, and Jane Mawhir, his nieces and nephews, Helen Santiago, Susan Miller, Patrick Mawhir, and Jonathan Schihl, and further survived by Lisa Obrien and her family who came in to his life when she reconnected and was reunited with her mother, the late Nancy White. Memorial contributions in honor of Tom may be made to the JW Dill Post #434 Honor Guard, 110 West Main Street, Brocton, NY 14716. Per Tom's wishes all services were held privately. To leave a condolence or share a story, log on to; www.themorsefuneralhome.com.



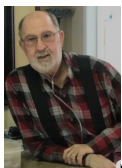
THOMAS ROBERT "Tom" WHITEFORD - Died Monday, July 17, 2023 in Mora, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 6, 1949, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to the late Robert and Dorothy Whiteford. Tom was well known for his witty comments, one-liners, and classic "Dad jokes." His sense of humor brightened the lives of those around him, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. Tom's journey began in Minneapolis, where he graduated from De La Salle High School in 1969. He then pursued a degree in Civil Engineering through the United States Air Force Academy and furthered his education at Pine Tech Community College, earning a Welding Degree. During his time in the Vietnam War, Tom met the love of his life, Lorraine, through heartfelt letters exchanged between them. They married on May 22, 1971, in Minneapolis, MN, and embarked on a beautiful journey together. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mora Chapter #684**. In 1974, Tom and Lorraine moved to Mora, MN, where they raised their six children. Tom dedicated 22 years of his life to the United States Air Force, serving his country with pride. After retiring as a welder from Cummings Manufacture, Tom enjoyed his time fishing, deer hunting, and indulging in Lorraine's delicious cookies. However, his greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandson, who affectionately called him "Bubba." Tom's quick wit and warm presence will be deeply missed by all, but his legacy will live on through the cherished memories shared by his loved ones. Tom held many titles throughout his life, from being a Veteran, a husband to being an uncle and friend. However, his favorite role was being a father. He loved nothing more than being there for his adult children and creating lasting bonds with each of them. Some of those memories include lots of pranks and unlimited "fork waving" at the dinner table. This meant he was about to drop some knowledge on you, or you were in trouble. Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Lorraine Whiteford, and their children: Lisa Lunde (Rich), Tad Whiteford (Katie), Kari Frahm (Jeremy), Lori McIlory (Todd), Rob Whiteford (Jamie), and Amy Whiteford. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Andrew, Kamdyn, Logan, Tatum, Mikah, Talon, William, Quinn, Tegan, Noah, Callie, Finley, and great-grandson, Braxton. Siblings Richard Whiteford (Marcia), Jerry Whiteford and Kate Whiteford (Rita Fox). Very special Godchildren, Maureen Connor & Nathan Whiteford. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Dorothy Whiteford, and his sister, Patricia Connor. A ceremony to honor Tom's life was held at

the Dresser Methven Funeral Home in Mora, MN with Pastor Kate Mensing officiating. Visitation was from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, followed by a service at 11:00 AM. Tom was laid to rest at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Mora American Legion Post #201 and the Air Force Honor Guard, and a lunch reception followed. Tom Whiteford will forever be remembered for his infectious laughter, kind heart, and unwavering love for his family. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Too-da-loo-a-loo, Bubba! The arrangements were made by the Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Dresser Methven Chapel, Mora, Minnesota.



DONALD NASH "Donnie" WILLIAMSON (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. Donnie passed in the home he grew up in, surrounded in love by his three children, Don "Willie" Williamson, Mike Williamson and Kelley (Williamson) Molitor. Donnie was born on December 1, 1934 in Wisconsin Rapids to the late Fredrick and Lucille (née Nash) Williamson. Donnie was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Gail Marie (née Krzykowski) Williamson and his brother, John Williamson. He is survived by his three children and his sister, Joan (Williamson) Johnson of Wisconsin Rapids. A graduate of Lincoln High School (class of 1952), Donnie attended Saint Norbert's College and UW-Stevens Point before joining the United States Air Force in 1955. He attended basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in Seneca Lake, NY. After basic, Donnie attended advanced electronics training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. After graduating from advanced training, Donnie returned home to Wisconsin Rapids to marry his high school sweetheart, Gail, on August 25, 1956, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. After marriage, the newlyweds traveled to their first duty station together at Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, MA, where both boys, Willie and Mike, were born. Donnie worked on C-121E "Super Connie" Constellation aircraft. Following his tour of duty at Otis Air Force Base, Donnie was selected to join the US Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), a highly-selective, national-level program to monitor global nuclear treaty compliance. Donnie received his initial AFTAC training at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, CO, in 1964. Following training, Donnie and Gail moved to Fairbanks, AK, where their daughter, Kelley, was born. They lived in Fairbanks from 1964-1966. Following this tour of duty, Donnie and Gail moved back to Denver, CO, where Donnie was an AFTAC instructor at Lowry Air Force Base from 1967-1969. Donnie then did a remote tour of duty to the Fiji Islands in the South Pacific while Gail and the kids moved back to Cape Cod from 1970-1971. Following this remote duty, the family moved to Sacramento, CA, where Donnie served as a senior AFTAC technical advisor and completed numerous temporary assignments to Europe, Asia and the Middle East to do repairs on forward-deployed equipment from 1972-1975. Donnie's last duty assignment was to Bergstrom Air Force Base near Austin, TX. While at Bergstrom AFB, Donnie was assigned to the 67th Avionics Maintenance Squadron and maintained RF-4 Phantom aircraft. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**. After retiring from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1977, following his 22-year career of service to our nation, Donnie, Gail and the kids settled back home in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Donnie worked for Ore-Ida foods for the next 18 years when he retired for

the second time in 1997. In retirement, Donnie and Gail enjoyed traveling the country in their motorhome. They enjoyed spending winters in warmer weather with their close friends from Wisconsin. Donnie was a man of honor, principals, and ethics. He was a role model for his children to emulate and the best Dad ever. He loved his wife deeply and adored his children. All three of Donnie's children have been with their respective spouses more than 30 years. Donnie was also a man of strong faith. He attended mass regularly at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, serving as an usher for many years. In his spare time, Donnie enjoyed dinner out with friends, attending classic car shows and meeting with his Ham radio buddies. Donnie was a founding member of the Heart of Wisconsin Amateur Radio Group (callsign KB9KFA). All those activities were enjoyed with a little "Dr. Jim" (if you know, you know!). Donnie is survived by eldest son, Donald "Willie" Williamson, his wife Julie (Crotteau) Williamson, and their children, Donald Brandon Williamson and Cory Cae Williamson; second son, Michael Williamson, and his husband, Otis Merry; and daughter, Kelley (Williamson) Molitor, her husband Steve Molitor, their daughter Chelsea (Molitor) Massingill, and Donnie's great granddaughter Alana Massingill. Donnie is also survived by his sister, Joan (Williamson) Johnson and sister-in-law Dolly Schmit, and predeceased by his brother John Williamson and his brother-in-law, Charles Johnson. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. His nephew and next-door neighbor Steve Krekowski and his partner Gene Marty, as well as his niece Lori Placek were a great comfort to the family in Donnie's later life, helping with snow blowing, lawn mowing, medical visits, and dropping off countless baked goods and other treats. The family will be forever grateful to you. The family would also like to sincerely thank his entire home care team that took loving care of Donnie for over a year. Thank you April Gruba, Tanya Morgan, Barb McElroy, Molly Karnatz and Dolly Schmit. We will be forever grateful for the compassion and comfort you provided to Dad. Donnie will also be dearly missed by many close friends, including Bev Krekowski, Sally Parr, Ron and Bonnie Mancl, Al and Sherry Cleveland, Clare and Monica Jenkins and Ron and Marcine Amundson. The friends Donnie leaves behind from his time in the Air Force and from spending winters motor-homing in Florida are too countless to list. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Deacon Tom Anderson officiated the service. Visitation was held from 9:30 AM until the time of service at 10:30AM. Interment and military rites was at Good Sheppard Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery in Wisconsin Rapids. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Donald N. Williamson to one of these two organizations: Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, 750 10th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 / www.our-lady.org. or, Rudolph Grotto Gardens and Wonder Cave, 6957 Grotto Avenue, Rudolph, WI. 54475 / www.rudolphgrotto.org.



JAMES CLAY WILSON - Died Monday, July 10, 2023 in Blue Ash, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of Maranell Wilson. He was born on January 3, 1947 to the late Charles and Betty Wilson. He was the father of Chris (Megan) Wilson, OJ(Lisa) Wilson, Janna (Andy) Rainey and Laura (Bryce) Newton; brother of the late John Wilson and Lynn Edwards; grandfather of Blake (Kristen), Katreena, Tarah, Serine, Conner, Blake,

Ella, Abi, Morgan, Paige and Dalton, and; great-grandfather of Chandler, Iva, Riley, Levi and Emma. James served in the United States Army in the 82nd Airborne Division. He worked many years at Cincinnati Bell and was a long time member at Blue Ash Community Church. James was well loved by everyone he met and will be greatly missed. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. Celebration of Life Services were held on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at the Blue Ash Community Church, 10272 Alliance Road, Blue Ash, OH (Light appetizers & desserts were served from 1:30-2:30 PM). The service began promptly at 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Vietnam Veterans of America in honor of Jim. <https://vva.org>. Online condolences at www.strawserfuneralhome.com.



CALVIN BARRY WIMMER - Died Thursday, February 2, 2023 in Narrows, Virginia at the age of 80, with the love of his family by his side and in the care of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Giles County, Virginia on June 26, 1942 to the late Raymond and Ina (née Warner) Wimmer. Calvin proudly served his country as a S4 E-4 in the United States Army. He later devoted himself to his community working production at Celanese, then with the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton (West Virginia) Chapter #628**. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He practiced his faith in being a member of Bethel Chapel in the community of Clendennin. In life his greatest joy was his family, especially his granddaughter, Emilee. In his leisure he enjoyed traveling, going to the beach and scuba diving with his daughter, Lora. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Wimmer. Left to cherish his memory to their hearts are his wife, Gayle Meadows Wimmer; daughter, Lora Comer (Michael) of Princeton, WV; granddaughter, Emilee Comer Turner (Adrian); great-grandson, Micah Turner; a brother, Danny Wimmer of Tennessee; sisters, Loretta Brown of Narrows, VA, Sarah Callaghan of Roanoke, Brenda Hylton of Vinton, and Becky White (Tennis) of Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service was conducted on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Bethel Chapel in the Clendennin community in Narrows, Virginia with Pastors Eddie Kendall and Earl Riggs co-officiating. Funeral services concluded on Sunday, February 5, 2023 in the Fairview Cemetery with full Military Honors given. The family received friends on Sunday, February 5, 2023 from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at Bethel Chapel. A guestbook is available to send condolences by visiting www.kendallfuneralhome.com. The staff of the Kendall Funeral Home were honored to serve the Wimmer family.

JERRY N. WOOD – Died recently in 2023 in Glendale, Arizona at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 16, 1936. He is survived by his wife, Connie. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**.



THOMAS NEWTON "Tom" WRIGHT - Died Thursday, May 25, 2023 in Franklin, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 12, 1947 to the late Jesse and Mildred Wright. Tom grew up in Nashville, TN with his two sisters, Patty and Margaret and attended Christ the King School. He then attended Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, TN, graduating in 1966. After high school he joined the United States Navy and was assigned to the United States Marine Corps as a Corpsman. Tom served in Vietnam with a special unit, Combined Action Platoon, CAP, where the Marine forces lived and fought beside the Vietnamese against the Viet Cong. He was Honorably discharged in 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140**. He attended Washington University, Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia, in Saint Louis, MO. Upon graduation he took a position with Middle TN Anesthesiology, in Nashville, TN, which is now Anesthesia Medical Group and was with them for 25 years. In 2003 he joined Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connersville, IN. In 2007 he left Fayette Memorial and took several locum tenens positions in Indiana; Jay County Hospital in Portland, IN and Ascension St. Vincent Randolph Hospital in Winchester, IN. He retired in 2018, to travel, relax and enjoy his family. He was a dedicated sports enthusiast. He played many sports in school and attended countless games of his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed playing United golf with friends and enjoyed poker, cribbage, pinochle and about any and all card games. He and Vicki traveled to many places to see our beautiful USA and enjoyed taking many cruises. Tom was thrilled to see his new baby granddaughter, Ruby, first born of his son and his wife that was born on Good Friday, to add to his other much-loved grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Margaret Wright Meier. Tom is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vicki Wright of Franklin, TN; daughter, Tammy Wright of Nashville, TN; son, David (Molly) Wright of Nashville, TN; sister, Patty (Shelton) Johnson of Crossville, TN; grandchildren, Hayley (Michael) Overmyer, Zach Brown, Kendall Brown and Ruby Wright; beloved dog, Lola and many other loving family members and many beloved friends. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 9, 2023 with visitation one hour prior to the service at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9100 Crockett Road, Brentwood, TN 37027. Inurnment was at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Memorials be made to Tunnel to Towers, Disabled American Veterans, American Diabetes Association or to the charity of choice. The Williamson Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Services were in charge of the arrangements. www.williamsonmemorial.com.



WILLIAM J. "Bill" YOUNG, SR. - Died Saturday, June 3, 2023 in his home in Carrollton, Ohio at the age of 76, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 29, 1946 in Steubenville, Ohio to the late David and Zelma (née Stricker) Young. Bill proudly served his country, serving two tours in Vietnam after enlisting in the United States Army,

while still in high school. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - New Philadelphia**. Bill enjoyed fishing and playing sports video games with all his friends, earning him the nickname "Coach". He was loved by all who knew him and will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Kay" Young; three children, Lisa (David) Bandagski, William Young, Jr., and Bob Young; five grandchildren, Sydney, Spencer, Jessie, Daniel, and Logan; two brothers, David and Darle Young; and sister, Pauline Cerrett. Along with his parents, Bill was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Keith Young and Saylor Grace, and two sisters, Barbara Roush and Darlene Young. A graveside service with military honors was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 in Westview Cemetery of Carrollton with Pastor Gordon Warner officiating. The Dodds Funeral Home assisted with the services.

*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!*