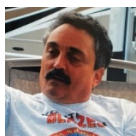


**WILLIAM A. ABBEY** – Died recently in 2023 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 14, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.



**RONALD LEE “Ronnie” ABBOTT** - Died Saturday, August 19, 2023 at the hospital in Salisbury, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Ronnie was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Ronnie grew up in Perryhawkin, MD and was born on February 5, 1947. He graduated from Washington High School with the class of '66. He was raised by his loving parents Twila and Leroy Marriner. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dale (née Stephens) Abbott, who together they were blessed with two daughters, Stephanie Lee Abbott-Covington and husband Jamie, and Traci Lynn Abbott-Todd and husband Kris. Ronnie was affectionately known as Poppy to his five grandchildren, Rylee Gwen Covington, Lillee Grace Covington, Sadie Brianne Todd, Kyler Memphis Ronald Todd, and Savanna Brielle Todd. Ronnie also has a brother-in-law Roger Stephens and wife Donna, and niece Megan Stephens Coffey and husband John, and nephew Jacob Stephens and fiancée Abbi. He also is survived by a sister, Irene Brown and a niece, Debbie Ziemer, and two nephews, Brad, and David Mason. He is also survived by several Abbott family members. Ronnie was preceded in death by his devoted parents, and sister and brother-in-law Ruth and Al Mason. After graduating high school, Ronnie served in the United States Navy as a Corpsman in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. He was known to his fellow soldiers as “Doc.” While in Vietnam, he and unit referred to themselves as “2/9 - Hell in a Helmet.” Ronnie was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eden Chapter #624**, Military Order of the Cootie, Veterans of Foreign Wars Meuse Post #194, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #34, and a member of the American Legion Post #67. Ronnie retired from the Department of Natural Resources as Chief Forrester. After retirement, he was a substitute driver and maintained bus #17 in Worcester County, Maryland. Ronnie was an avid reader and collector of Vietnam and war memorabilia. He was also very proud of his Native American heritage and was a member of the Nause Waiwash Band of Indians Tribe. There was a memorial service for Ronnie at the Hinman Funeral Home on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 Noon, with visitation beginning at 11:00 AM, located at 11673 Somerset Avenue, Princess Anne, MD. The service was live-streamed beginning at 12:00 Noon at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in Hinman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Meuse Post #194, 821 East Williams Street, Salisbury, MD 21804, in memory of Ronnie Abbott.



**WINFRED RAY ABSHIRE** - Died Sunday, September 17, 2023 at his residence in Sulphur, Louisiana at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He

was born in Hayes, Louisiana on June 24, 1951 to late Columbus and Alda Abshire. He proudly served in the United States Army and the Louisiana National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Ray loved listening to Cajun Music and oldies on Sundays, and spending time outdoors working. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 37 years, Pam Abshire; daughter, Kasey Harper and Grandson, Brayden Harper, all of Sulphur, Louisiana; son, Mathew Abshire of Moss Bluff, Louisiana; brothers, Will Abshire (JoeAnn) of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Lary Abshire of Pearl River, Louisiana, Norman Abshire (Debbie) of Vidor, Texas, and Francis Abshire (LaVonda) of Sulphur, Louisiana; brother-in-law and numerous sister-in-laws; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ray is preceded in death by his son, Troy Abshire; his parents; along with two sisters, Bernice "Tuddy" Soileau and Ramona Hoffpauir. A private family Celebration of Life was held at a later date. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hixsonsulphurmemorial.com](http://www.hixsonsulphurmemorial.com) for the Abshire family.

**JAMES EDWARD ALLEN, SR.** - Died Thursday, October 5, 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 18, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. The arrangements were entrusted to The Cremation Society of Indiana, 4115 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.



**HERBERT RUSSEL "Russ" APLIN** – Died Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in Cheboygan, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Russ was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan on June 1, 1951 to the late Herbert and Lois (née Erickson) Aplin. Russ joined the United States Marine Corps after graduating from high school and served from 1968-1974. He was stationed in Vietnam and earned the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam MUC Cross of Gallantry, Rifle Marksmanship Medal, and Badge of Good Conduct. Russ loved his country and remained a true patriot throughout his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**, Cheboygan VFW Post #3623, and the Cheboygan American Legion Post #95. Russ was a member of the UBC Carpenters Union for many years prior to his retirement in 2001. He was a vigilant member of the NRA and was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church. Russ was an outdoorsman and especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. On January 28, 1977, Russ married the former Autumn N. Malette in Dakota County, Minnesota and she survives him along with five children, Adam (Robin) Aplin, Autumn "Bunny" (Marty) Jeffery, Larry (Tammy) Beck, Dale (Marilee) Beck, and Chris (Lisa) Beck; twelve grandchildren, Jake Aplin, Clinton Demuth, Josh Jeffery, Matthew (Jessica) Jeffery, Cheyenne (Cody) Barbour, Jessica (Josh) Baxter, Jentry Beck, Leroy (Lisa) Beck, Brandon (Char) Beck, Drew (Kelly) Beck, Lauren McCall and Trent McCall; thirteen great-grandchildren, Sierra, Gabe, Cohen, Camden, Aiden, Autumn, Alex, Wyatt, Hunter, Axel, Gabe, Melina, and Zayden; four sisters, Micki (Tom) Roberts, Lisa (Paul) Duckworth, Sharon (Steve) Schalow, and Diane (Rob) Cunningham; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Aplin; mother, Lois

Symon; and stepfather, Bill Symon. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey Street, Norton Shores, MI. Visitation was held one hour prior to his service. The burial was in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. You may sign his online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com). SEMPER FI!



**BERNIE ASH** – Died September 30, 2023 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Lebanon on March 25, 1947 to the late Dave and Anna Ash. Bernie was a proud 1965 graduate of Lebanon High School. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was stationed at Harrison Township, Michigan until being sent to Phu Cat, Vietnam from 1969-1970. Upon returning from Vietnam, he worked at Ash Drilling Company alongside his father and brother. He later pursued his passion for photography by opening Creative Photography on the Historic Lebanon Square. In 1994, he began what would become a long and storied career as a faithful public servant in Wilson County/Lebanon. He served as a County Commissioner, City Councilman, Veterans Administrator, and Mayor of Lebanon. Bernie was an integral part of the creation of the Wilson County Veterans Plaza and was a member of the Wilson Warriors. Upon retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved wife Marcia. They enjoyed pontoon boating and traveling to visit their children and grandchildren. Bernie also enjoyed riding Cushman Scooters, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, and John Deere Tractors. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Bernie is survived by his wife Marcia Ash; brother Luke (Sandra) Ash; children Alice (James) Lowery, William (Ginger) Ash, and John (Jong) Ash; grandchildren: Anthony Brady, Andrew Antone, Nolan (Cameron) Ash, Evan (Lela) Ash, David Ash, Jacob Ash, and Matthew Ash; and great-grandchildren: Max Mendez, Skylar Brady, Jude Antone, Finnegan Ash, and Blakely Ash. He is preceded in death by parents Dave and Anna Ash, and granddaughter Cynthia Brady. The Funeral Service, conducted by Pastor David Freeman was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the First Baptist Church, 227 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN. The entombment was in the Wilson County Memorial Mausoleum following the service. The pallbearers were Nolan Ash, Evan Ash, Andrew Antone, Anthony Brady, Max Mendez, David Ash and Luke Ash and the honorary pallbearers were members of Vietnam Veterans of America. The family received friends at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until the time when the service began at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Wilson County Veterans Plaza. The funeral arrangements were made by the Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, TN.



**JOHN RUSSELL BAILEY** – Died Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 76, peacefully, surrounded by love and family. The cause of death is unknown. John was

born on February 2, 1947 in Florida to the late Keith and Fayette Bailey. He grew up in Richfield, Minnesota with his three siblings Faye, Marsha, and brother Glenn. He graduated from Richfield High school, after which he served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067*. In Huntsville, he worked at Dunlop tires until he retired after 32 dedicated years of service in 2003. His retirement allowed for more time with family and various hobbies including photography, playing with high-tech gadgets and computers, and looking for hidden gems and hole in the wall diners to eat at with his loved ones. He was a well-traveled man, and while he didn't accomplish what he jokingly referred to as his "life's ambition" of "packing it all up and leaving it all behind for the open road", he still experienced a great many notable trips and memories on his bike with his wife. He also loved to joke that on these trips he was "never lost" simply "taking the scenic route". John was known for his abundance of animated stories of life that he loved to share with anyone who would listen to "an old man like me" as often as he could. Although a proud self-proclaimed Yankee, he believed in long southern goodbyes and never met a stranger. He was outspoken and kind. His feisty charm will be greatly missed. In addition to his wife Glenda, he is survived by sons John Russell, Jr., Phillip Bragg (Kelly), and Wade; daughter Sheryl Maness (Junior); sisters Marsha Bennet (John), Faye Peterson (Daryl); brother Glenn Bailey (Martha); grandchildren Kristen Wynn, Stephanie Maness-Warren (Brandon), Candice Bragg (Tyler), Aaron Garner, Sarah Garner (Matt), Meghan Michels (Braxton), John Paul Garner, Kirsten Maness (Cole), Cierra Wagner (Kyle), Jackson Bailey, Atticus Bailey; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Keith and Fayette Bailey. The memorial service was held at the Valhalla Funeral Home, 698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville AL on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM and visitation was held prior to the service from 12:00 Noon through 2:00 PM. The service was live-streamed. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.valhallafunerals.com](http://www.valhallafunerals.com) for the Bailey family.



**BARNEY CHARLES BARBERA** - Died peacefully Thursday, November 9, 2023 at the age of 81 at home, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Barney was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 30, 1942 to the late Baldassare and Ernestine Dorothy (née Lamarie) Luce. He is the beloved husband of Priscille (née Richard) Barbera with whom he shared 59.5 years of marriage. He received his education from Manhattan Aviation School, Radio Television Electronics School, and Air Force Institute of Technology graduating with his bachelor's degree. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from September 22, 1959 until he was honorably discharged on September 20, 1963 with the rank of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Mission 3 Pilot, Search and Rescue. During his time in the Air Force, Barney was a pilot and retired into Civil Service with the rank of GM 13. During his time working for the United States Air Force, he was employed as a Program Manager, Director of Business Management and Director of Financial Management where he over saw many projects that required him to travel to places such as California and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Most recently, he worked as a Cost



Analyst in the Office of the Comptroller, ESD Hansom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA for 20 years until his retirement. Barney was very proud of being a US Veteran and had many different affiliations with veteran agencies. He was a member of the American Legion and Post #3 for the last 19 years, holding the positions of Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Sr. Vice Commander, Treasurer and Commander, currently he was serving as the Finance Officer. While a member of the American Legion, Barney also participated in many committees including Awards, Boy State, Budget, By-Laws, Children & Youth, House Committee, Post Insurance, and Scholarship Committee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #14**. He served on the Nashua Parade Committee for 14 years, treasurer for 12 years, as well as Chairman of the Mayor's Veteran's Council. Other activities include Boy Scouts of America; the Nashua Senior Activity Center and served on Senior Council; and instructor for the State Department of Fish and Game. Life time member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America, member of the American Comptrollers Association and Cost Analyst Association. Although Barney was involved with various organizations, his true passion was fishing. He was a 45-year member of the New Hampshire Bass Busters Club and was an avid fisherman and camper; member of the Rush-N-Geo Camping Club. He also enjoyed golf, playing pool, and playing poker. Above all, his most cherished time was spent with his family who he loved deeply. In addition to his wife, Priscille, he is survived by his five children, Annamaria Barbera of Weare, NH, Anthony Barbera of Dracut, MA, Lisa Simpson and her husband David Brookline, NH, John Barbera and his wife Tina of Tewksbury, MA and James Barbera and his wife Krista of Hudson, NH; his 10 grandchildren, Jessica, Mason and his wife Samantha, Lindsey, Amber, Bradley, Kyle, Nicholas, Joshua and his wife Ashley, Elizabeth, and Melissa; as well as his two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Charlotte; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his two siblings, Joyce Arias and Albert Barbera. Relatives and friends were invited to Barney's visitation on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at Rochette Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 21 Kinsley Street, Nashua. His Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM in Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, 777 West Hollis Street, Nashua. His interment and presentation of military honors was held on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM in the New Hampshire State Veteran Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barney's name to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

**THOMAS H. BARNES** – Died recently in 2023 in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1946. He is survived by his daughter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #78**.

**JAMES STEVEN BAIRD** - Died Wednesday April 2, 2003 in Kenockee Township, Michigan at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1948 to the late Valaska Beaird. He was the beloved husband of Florence; father of James, Jeffrey, Jonathon, Jared and Joey; son of Mrs. Valaska Beaird. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. A Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday with visitation at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

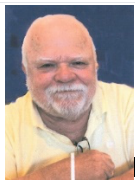
Church in Emmett, Michigan. Memorials to family were appreciated. The funeral arrangements were made by the Kaatz Funeral Directors, Avoca, MI.



**CHESTER ALEX BENNETT** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, April 22, 2023 in New Market, Alabama at the age of 78, after suffering a heart attack. Chester was born on 2 June 1944 in Abraham, Raleigh County, West Virginia to the late Kyle M. Bennett and Flossie A. (née Pack) Bennett by midwife, Izora Bennett. After graduating from Richmond High School in 1962, he joined the United States Army where he served 22 years with two tours in Vietnam. In 1964 Chester met Patricia Gaston in Atlanta, GA. Chester and Pat went on to have three children, Jonathan Bennett; Kevin Bennett; and daughter Tammy Echols. In 1984 Chester retired from the Army and then again in 1994 from the USPS. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. Chester is preceded in death by his sisters Nancy Lee Bennett and Nadine Bennett, brothers Ronald Lee Bennett and Darrell Bennett. He is survived by his wife Patricia Bennett, son's Jonathan Bennett (Jordan), Kevin Bennett, daughter Tammy Echols, granddaughters; Emily, Alexis, Kaylee, and Kiley, and grandson Blake. The viewing was held at the Valhalla Funeral home on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The funeral service was held at the Valhalla Funeral Home on Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

**ANDREW B. “Andy” BENYO** - Died Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at his home in Belleville, Michigan at the age of 72, surrounded by family, under hospice care, after a courageous battle with cancer. Andy was born on October 29, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Paul Bernard and Julia Helen (née Tomcsik) Benyo. He graduated from Cody High School, in Detroit, class of 1968. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Mr. Benyo was a pipe fitter for several years before opening his own lead company in Detroit, Alecco Inc. He worked for Local #190 in Ann Arbor, MI, for over 30 years, and was a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Plymouth Chapter #528**. He attended Saint Linus Catholic Church when he lived in Dearborn Heights and enjoyed attending Holy Cross as well. Andy loved sports-baseball and football and was an avid golfer, enjoyed riding motorcycles. Mr. Benyo is survived by his wife of 14 years, Lynn Marie (née Powers) Stamp-Benyo, and her son Jamie Stamp of Brighton, MI; Andy's four children: Andrea (Howard) Levitsky of Rochester, MI, Terry Benyo of Florida, Melanie (Phillip) Finn of Allen Park, MI, and Valerie (Brett) Huppenbauer of Tecumseh, MI, 10 grandchildren, a brother Bruce (Jackie) Benyo of Westland, MI, two sisters Margaret (Richard) Major of Macomb, MI, and Julie Ann (William) Cherry of Texas; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Mary Duff, also three brothers: Terry, Joseph, and Paul K. Benyo. Visitation was held from 3:00-8:00 PM on Monday and from 10:00-11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 East Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Transplant Department and would be appreciated.

**BARRY BERGER** – Died Monday, December 4, 2023 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 82. The cause of death was trauma from falling down a flight of stairs breaking his neck. He was born in Brooklyn on March 11, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.



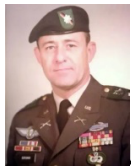
**DEAN H. BERK** - Died on All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1, 2023 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 82. The cause of death was kidney disease. Dean was born on September 19, 1941 in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Gunther and Agnes Berk. A true renaissance man, he had many talents and interests from aeronautics to law to construction to philanthropy. He is survived by his wife of almost 54 years, Caroline, and his daughters, Jenny and Sara, his son-in-law, Greg Koenig, and his grandchildren, Drew and Sarie Hoffner. He always wanted to be a pilot and after college joined the United States Air Force. As an Air Force officer, he flew in Vietnam, then worked with NASA piloting the Vomit Comet and ferrying the moon rocks. While stationed at Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral, he met his long time love, Caroline, and they began their life together. After they were married, Dean was hired by Delta, based in Atlanta, where he remained until he retired. He flew many different planes with the final realized goal of flying the "only" plane, the L10-11. As pilots tend to do, he also had several "side hustles". He earned a law degree and helped many people with adoptions, wills, and other legal minutiae. He was a bricklayer, welder, electrician, plumber, mechanic, builder, and cook. If it could be done, he learned how to do it, even spaying a cat! After retirement, he and Caroline moved up to Cashiers, NC, fulfilling another dream of living in the mountains. While in Cashiers, Dean passed his contractor's exam, built his house, and ran a handyman business. After 10 years, family and the lower lands were calling and he and Caroline moved to Cleveland, TN where he spent his final 13 years surrounded by family and active in his church, Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, and the local DAV chapter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. One of his favorite pastimes while in Cleveland was cooking for and attending the Friday morning men's group at Saint Luke's. Dean's life as a believer was very important to him and he was active in church communities wherever he lived. Following the example and teachings of Jesus, he gave his time, talent, and treasure to the least of us. He was a board member of Lutheran Ministries of Georgia, and a member of the national stewardship committee of the American Lutheran Church. He supported CASA, Foundation House, and the Caring Place Backpack meal ministry which provides weekend meals for elementary school children (all in Bradley County), as well as the Atlanta Family Shelter, Lutheran World Relief, Habitat for Humanity, and many others. He and Caroline fostered children, both as an emergency house, and for medically fragile infants, and housed pregnant teenagers. Dean succumbed to kidney disease after deciding to quit dialysis. He left this world on his own volition and in his last days was surrounded by all the many friends and family members who loved him. A memorial service was held at Saint Luke's Episcopal church on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM with visitation at 12:00 Noon. Dean's wish is that donations would be made to local helping organizations in lieu of flowers: Foundation House

Ministries; The Caring Place (Sackpack Meal Ministry); CASA of Bradley and Polk County; Lutheran Disaster Relief; ELCA World Hunger Relief; Episcopal Relief & Development, or; Hearth Hospice.

**JAMES S. BERRY** - Died Wednesday, August 9, 2023 in Manhattan Beach, California at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 19, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.neptunesociety.com/location/long-beach-cremation](http://www.neptunesociety.com/location/long-beach-cremation) for the Berry family.



**GEORGE ALLEN BOLFIK** – Died Saturday, November 25, 2023 in Kyle Texas at the age of 83. He was a resident of La Grange, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. George was born in La Grange on April 24, 1940 to the late George J. Bolfik and Evelyn (née Hunger) Bolfik. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the Fayette Memorial Funeral Home in La Grange, Texas. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM. A Rosary was prayed following the service at 3:00 PM. George was known to be a man of few words, therefore: A lot of Love and The rest is just life.



**JOHN E. BORGMAN** - Died Wednesday, November 29, 2023 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 2, 1932 in Aurora, Indiana to the late Ernest and Elsie (née Knenlein) Borgman. John graduated from Saint Mary's Grade School in 1946 and was a faithful member of the St Mary's Catholic Church. He graduated from Aurora High School in 1950 and then went on to earn a degree in business management from Indiana University School of Business, and played on the IU Junior Varsity Basketball Team. In 1955, John entered the United States Army and eventually became a Special Forces Green Beret. John was the quintessential Special Forces Green Beret, serving three tours in Vietnam, earning the highly coveted master parachutist badge, serving the nation for more than 20 years, and leading the last battalion size combat jump in Vietnam in 1968 with 500 men under his command. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for Valor with two oak leaf clusters representing three awards of this medal earned for heroism in combat. After retirement from the Army John returned to Aurora where he joined the First National Bank. He was appointed to the advisory board and became a director in 1980. He retired from the bank in 1991 as vice president. He was elected to Aurora City Council and for a short time was appointed mayor. He was active in various clubs and organizations including a *Life Member* of the American Legion, VFW, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moores Hill Chapter #71**. He was also a member of the Aurora Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. He was inducted as a Kentucky Colonel and was a volunteer for the

Dearborn County Hospital Auxiliary. He is survived by his loving wife, Marianne Borgman; his daughter and son-in-law, Christine (David) Meek; three grandchildren, Elsa Meek, Evan Meek, Elliot Meek; five nieces, Elisa Thalheimer, Cathy Newman, Patricia Greenberg, Nancy Lemon, Cissy Smith; three nephews, Chuck Teaney, Jack Teaney, Dr. Alan Smith; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Elsie Borgman; and his two sisters, Donna Teaney and Catherine Smith. Family and friends were received on Monday, December 4, 2023 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 203 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Aurora, IN. Funeral services were held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 12:00 Noon. The interment was in the Riverview Cemetery, Aurora, Indiana. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Saint Mary's Catholic Church or a Mass can be celebrated in John's Memory. Visit us at [www.fitchdenney.com](http://www.fitchdenney.com).



**ROBERT VERNON BOYER** - Died Friday, December 8, 2023 at University of Pennsylvania Medical Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. He was a resident of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona on August 5, 1947 to the late Willard and Doris (née Lindemer) Boyer. He is survived by a son, Ron (Thelma) Dibble; a daughter, Lillian (Michael) Storey; three grandchildren: Michael Storey Jr., Jennifer (Cory) Shoff and Ronald Dibble; two great-grandchildren, Conor and Margaret Shoff; a brother, Willard Boyer; and several nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Boyer. Robert was an Altoona High graduate and joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a Staff Sergeant during Vietnam. He worked at Boyer Candy Co. and later worked in plumbing and maintenance for the United States Department of Agriculture. Robert was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to travel and contribute to many charities. He especially loved spending time with his family. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion of Altoona. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Friends were received from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Santella Funeral Home. A funeral service was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Pepper officiating. The committal was held at the Blair Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Robert to Saint Jude Children's Hospital; or the Native American Heritage Association. Online condolences may be made at [www.santellafuneralhome.com](http://www.santellafuneralhome.com).



**DAVID STEVAN "Dave" BRANDRIET** - Died Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the local hospital in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 81. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death is unknown. David was born on September 15, 1942 to the late Venard and Mae



(née Jensen) Brandriet. Dave was the third child with two older brothers, Gary and Tom, and a younger sister, Julie, who were all born and raised in Watertown. Growing up with a Catholic education, young David naturally gravitated to the local drag strips and billiard halls. After receiving his "G.E.D. '60", (as he often described his formal education), Dave served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War in 1963-64. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054*. After returning home, he soon met Karen Domonoske, a local debutant in search of the man of her dreams. When she couldn't find that guy, Karen decided Dave would do. After courting for just four months, they were married on September 23, 1967, and moved to Wayzata, MN. Dave and Karen spent their early years living life to the fullest. Between golfing, racing motorcycles and snowmobiles through the Minnesota woods, and boating with friends, Dave began his career as a Dental Technician at Golden Valley Dental in Plymouth, MN. After seven years of marriage, Dave and Karen had their first son, Gregory, in 1975, and a daughter, Heidi, in 1980. The following year they moved back to Watertown into their home across from Harper Park and welcomed their third child, Nicholas, in 1982. Dave opened Brandriet Dental Studio in the basement, where he would improve the smiles of Watertonians for over 30 years. A staple in the Harper Park neighborhood, he was often seen training his dogs in the park, mowing the yard, or sitting on the front stoop watching the world go by. Outside of the home, Dave displayed his steady hands at the golf course, the pool hall, the hockey rink, and hunting in the cornfields. Over the years, there wasn't a sport or hobby he took up that he didn't eventually dominate, whether he was running the table at the State 8-Ball Tournament or winning racquetball leagues at the Rec Center. A large collection of trophies was not an uncommon sight around the Brandriet home, and Dave was proud of all of them. Dave was a seeker of the latest and greatest gadgets, a late-night infomercial entrepreneur, a class reunion disc jockey, a skilled hunter, an agile athlete, and a proud veteran. He entered every room with a joke, a silly gesture, or a funny face and had an infectious laugh that could be heard across the bar, the gym, or the golf course. Wherever there was a good time, Dave wanted to be the center of it, and wherever a shot of excitement was needed, Dave was ready to provide it at a moment's notice. As a father, a husband, a son, a brother, and a friend, we will remember Dave by his kind heart, sense of humor, and love and pride for his wife, children, grandchildren, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Dave lost his love, Karen, on April 5, 2022, after 54 years of marriage. Dave is survived by son Greg (Cori) and grandsons Willem (11) and Leo (7), of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter Heidi Brandriet and son Nick Brandriet, both of Watertown, SD; brother Tom; sister Julie (Michael) Becker; sister-in-law LaVonne Brandriet; sister-in-law Sue (Alan) Pearson, all of Watertown, SD; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; parents Venard and Mae; oldest brother, Gary; infant sisters Janice and Jean; father and mother-in-law Shadow and Allegra Domonoske; and dogs Ginger, Sal, Smokey, Pat, Fred, Buck, and Gus. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Jodi Brinkman officiated. The music was provided by A.J. Sherrill as pianist with Robbyn Givens as soloist. Visitation was at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM and prior to services at the chapel on Friday. The burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery. Military graveside honors were conducted by Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion, Watertown, and the Funeral Honors Team of the U.S. Air Force. Active pallbearers were Mike Becker, Jim Dehnert, Steve Horning, Bob Koehn, Bob

Lantgen, and Mark Redlinger. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cattail Crossing Golf Course or VFW Post #750, both in Watertown, SD.

**KENNETH E. BRIGGS** - Died Thursday, November 2, 2023 in Billings, Montana at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1947 in Corning, New York to the late Kenneth J. and Alice (née Starkweather) Briggs. Kenneth was a 1965 graduate of Corning Painted Post East High School and then worked at Corning Glass. Kenneth then joined the United States Army and was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira (New York) Chapter #803**. After leaving the military, he owned Long Rifles and such in Elmira, NY for many years, specializing in archery and black powder. He lost his first wife, Carol (née Silsbee) Briggs, in 2005 and then he moved to Billings, MT. Kenneth married his second wife, Belinda (née Gray) Briggs on July 14, 2012 at his hunting camp in Catlin, NY. He greatly enjoyed archery, drag racing and loved his 2011 Mustang. Surviving in addition to his wife, Belinda, are two daughters, Michelle Austin and Jerri (Clay) Bentley, both of Billings, MT; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and two more on the way; a sister, Rhonda Clark, Wellsboro, PA; and his best friend for over 50 years, Harvey “Bucky” Ringer, Gloversville, NY. A private family service was held at a later time.

**DAVID MICHAEL BURIN** - Died Saturday, October 25, 2023 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 18, 1950 to the late Charles and Lida Burin. He leaves behind his brother-in-law, Thomas Switkowski, nephew, Anthony Switkowski, and several cousins. He is predeceased by his loving parents, Charles and Lida Burin, as well as his sister, Carol Switkowski. He was a proud United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran who served from 1970 to 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**. A private burial was held at Great Lakes National Cemetery.



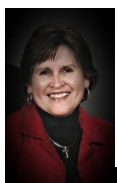
**ROBERT JAMES “Bob” BURRIER** - Died unexpectedly Thursday, October 26, 2023 in Newburyport, Massachusetts at the age of 76, with his wife Joyce Burrier by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio on June 29, 1947. Robert, a devoted husband, father and grandfather will be sorely missed. He came from humble beginnings born in Zanesville Ohio who at age 18 became a decorated United States Marine who served in the Vietnam War. Robert “Bob” Burrier was a patriot who had a fierce sense of National pride and was always proud of being a veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. When he returned home from war he met his beloved wife, a Dorchester girl he married February 20, 1971, his everything for 52 years. He was a doting husband with loyalty and love in spades. Bob and Joyce raised three successful children, one daughter and two sons. His family was his greatest achievement, and he was passionately supportive of them. Bob had a compassionate heart always assisting others. He would work

tirelessly in any job he had to provide for the family, eventually retiring from the post office. Robert was a talented musician, songwriter, performer and accomplished singer, featured on radio stations locally and in Aruba. He loved family, animals, his country and duct tape. He especially loved watching his grandchildren play in any sport or performance. He gifted his family with a beautiful lakeside cottage in Maine where himself, wife, children, and grandchildren have spent summers creating wonderful memories. Robert is survived by his wife Joyce “Cookie” Burrier, children Carrie Jackman and husband Thomas Jackman, Robert Burrier the second, Shaun Burrier and his wife Ilona Burrier. Robert’s Grandchildren are Olivia, Makenna, Aidan, Dillon, Evelyn and Jayden. He has two surviving brothers Dayle Burrier, David Burrier, and a sister Norma Dawson. He has many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his loyal rat terrier Danny. A celebration of life was held at a later date. The Twomey, LeBlanc, and Conte Funeral Home, 193 High Street, Newburyport, MA assisted Mr. Burrier’s family with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers please send donations to his favorite charity Tunnel to Towers.



**EPHRAIM JERRY “E.J.” BURROW** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas on December 3, 1933 to the late Jesse W. and Scyble Ann (née Parrish) Burrow. He lived in Pocahontas until he joined the United States Army in 1955. Jerry received a Bachelor of Science from Arkansas State College in 1955, and a Bachelor of Business from Cameron University in 1985. Jerry was active-duty Army from 1955 until 1972, and US Army Reserve from 1972 until he retired in 1984 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He served tours of duty in Germany, Korea, Libya, Vietnam, and Fort Sill. Jerry was licensed in real estate in 1971, working with several local agencies before opening his own office in 1990. He retired from real estate in 2001. Jerry and Marilyn J. Byerly married on November 25, 1961 in Cicero, Illinois. He loved his family and was very proud of his sons and grandchildren. Jerry was passionate about the military, hunting, fishing, serving with the Lawton Noon Lions, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, and working on his Sunday school lesson. He was an active member of First Baptist West, Lawton. Jerry is survived by his wife of the home; son and daughter in law, Stephen and Cene Burrow, Texarkana, Arkansas; son and daughter in law, Michael and Shea Burrow, Duncan, Oklahoma; grandchildren; Lauren and Caleb Plett, Ringling, Oklahoma; Jesse Burrow, Oklahoma City; Micaela Burrow, Falls Church, Virginia; and Gabriele Burrow, Riverside, California; sister, Betty Halpenny, Olive Branch, Mississippi; brother in law, Bob Franklin from Greenville, South Carolina, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant son, David Clark Burrow; parents; stepmother, Beatrice Burrow; brother, Kern Burrow and wife, Mary Nell; sisters, Fern Henderson and husband, HO Henderson; Violet Benson and husband, Kenneth Benson; brothers-in-law, Frank Halpenny and Rowland Byerly; sister-in-law, Lois Franklin. His assurance of salvation and eternal hope was established as a teenager at Ravenden Springs, Arkansas Youth Baptist Encampment where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and soon afterward he demonstrated that by being baptized in the Black River in Pocahontas, Arkansas. He had a wealth of information and knowledge in his keen mind, which was sharp to the end. He taught his sons many life skills, and

brought adventure, laughter, and lots of projects to our lives. He loved to visit and talk with people; he never met a stranger. He was deeply loved and will be very missed. The funeral service with full military honors was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2023 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Harold Gaches, Pastor of First Baptist West, Lawton, Oklahoma officiating. Placement in the Fort Sill National Cemetery Columbarium was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the Lawton Noon Lions Club, Vietnam Veterans of America, or to the First Baptist West Building Fund in Lawton, Oklahoma.



**ROBIN CAMPBELL** - Died Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Generations of Vernon in Vernon, Alabama at the age of 74. She was a resident of Fayette, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Alabama on January 25, 1947 to the late Robert Stocks and Wilma Stocks-Smallwood. Survivors include her husband: Jimmy Campbell of Fayette, daughter: Kim Logan of Fayette, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son: Joey Meherg, father: Robert Stocks, and mother: Wilma Stocks Smallwood. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Winfield Chapter #786**. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM from the Nelson Funeral Home Chapel. The burial was in the Fayette City Cemetery. The family received friends on Sunday from 4:00-6:00 PM at the funeral home. Brother Clyde Stevens officiated. The pallbearers were: Jim Stoker, Phillip Rushing, Eddie Campbell, Dale Hindman, Jerry Fulmer, and Skip Hocutt.



**DONALD JOHNSON "Don" CHARLESWORTH, JR.** – Died Tuesday, September 20, 2022 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey on June 13, 1937 to the late Donald and Anna Charlesworth. Raised in Elmer, New Jersey, Don joined the United States Air Force as an Electronics Technician in 1955 and served his country for 20 years. During this time, he and his growing family were stationed in Wichita Falls, TX, Japan, Hawaii, Tennessee, California and finally, Abilene, TX. Shortly after military retirement, Don located his family to the San Angelo, TX area where he worked with Diebold covering the West Texas Region. Throughout the time in San Angelo and West Texas, Don volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, Fort Concho, school activities and never hesitated to help a person in need. His interests were far-reaching, and those interests lead him to cross paths with many people who oftentimes would become Friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. Some might say the phrase; "jack of all trades and master of none" fit Don quite well. However, those that knew him would likely agree that a more brilliant - or creative - mind was hard to find when a solution to a problem was needed! And if one needed a piece or a part (for something anything) he likely had it "collected" for use at just "that" right time! In his younger years, Don enjoyed jeep runs, playing professional fast pitch softball and

camping. He took part in historical reenactments at Fort Concho in Texas. He was a collector and a dreamer. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend. Don will forever be missed by all who knew and loved him. Don is survived by his wife of nineteen years, Nancy; son Will (and Janet) Charlesworth, daughters Susan (and Bruce) Snow, Teresa (and James) McDonald and Brenda (and Brad) Greebon. He was extremely proud of his seventeen grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were equally as proud to know him as PawPaw! Smiling, we know Don would not hesitate to recognize that in one way or another, his solution oriented / creative mindedness is reflected in his children and grand kids! A graveside service and committal with military honors took place in Elmer, New Jersey at a later date. Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com). Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Shaffer Funeral Home - Sherwood Way, 1939 Sherwood Way San Angelo, TX.

**EDWARD LEE CHRISTIANSEN** – Died Wednesday, July 20, 2022 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 11, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ilene Christiansen. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106*.



**LAWRENCE HOWARD "Larry" CHURCH** - Died Monday, May 29, 2023 peacefully at home in Artesia, New Mexico at the age of 81, from a prolonged illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 12, 1942. He was married to Henrietta "*Hedy*" Church for 43 years; she predeceased him on February 1, 2023. He is survived by his daughter, Shea Watts, her husband Rory Watts; her three children, Levi, Katie and Oren and his wife Baylee and two great-grandchildren; his stepdaughter, Shannon Richardson, her son, Paul Brooks, his wife Narci and three great-grandchildren. He has two living siblings, his brother, Vearl Church and his sister, Virginia Schalow, of Michigan. Larry was a Disabled Vietnam Veteran, with an honorable service record and discharge. He and Hedy lived in Fritch since 2008 and were active members of the Church of Christ. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio (Texas) Chapter #404*. A celebration of life service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at Church of Christ at Fritch. Cremation was under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.



**ROBERT D. "Bob" COOPER** - Died Friday, April 14, 2023 at Penn Highlands DuBois Hospital in DuBois, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. He was a resident of DuBois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in DuBois on April 24, 1945 to the late Arnold and Dorothy (née Slaven) Cooper. Bob graduated from the DuBois Area High School Class of 1963. He enlisted in the United State Navy in 1965 and served two terms from 1967 and 1968 in Da Nang Vietnam.



He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. On June 14, 1969 he married Pamela Jean Spicher in DuBois, PA. Bob worked for Penn Flavor Seal, Jeffers Electronic and McDowell Manufacturing all in DuBois, PA, and N.N. Moss Furniture Store in Greenville, PA. He then started his career as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company in 1972, was first promoted to Sales Manager in the Grove City office in 1974 and then to Sales Manager in the Brookville office where he remained until his retirement in 1988. Bob attended Roseville Independent Church in Brookville, PA. His many hobbies included hunting, fishing, fly tying, woodworking and wood carving. Bob was a volunteer fireman for the Third Ward Hose Company from 1963 – 1969. He was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Grove City, PA, a member of the Brookville Honor Guard, Post 17 American Legion DuBois, and the Horntown Rifle and Pistol Club. He was a life member, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, National Rifle Association and the Sigel Sportsman's Club. Bob had a positive attitude and a good sense of humor. His faith made him a champion fighter even after 35 years of significant health issues. He never met a stranger, and had a tender and kind soul. He was a loving and wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Bob loved his family and his Lord Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife, two sons (Arnold (Denise) Cooper and Brian (Kelley) Cooper, and four grandchildren (Zachary, Justin, Jayna and Noah Cooper). Bob was preceded in death by two brothers William and Gregory Cooper. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 2:00– 4:00 PM and from 6:00– 8:00 PM at the Baronick Funeral Home and Crematorium, Inc. A funeral service was held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM from the funeral home with Pastor James Fillhart officiating. The interment took place in Morningside Cemetery where full military honors were accorded by the members of the DuBois Area Honor Guard.



**LAWRENCE J. "Larry" CORBIN III** - Died peacefully on the morning of Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Life Care Center of Auburn, Massachusetts at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Larry was born in Newport, Rhode Island, on February 20, 1951, one of eight children of the late Lawrence J. Corbin, Jr. and Janet E. (née Kelley) Corbin. He was raised and educated in Auburn, graduating with the high school's Class of 1969. Larry studied at Boston University for a year, before enlisting in the United States Air Force. He served an honorable 17 years in the Air Force as an Intelligence Operations Specialist, before retiring in 1992. Larry then served the Town of Auburn as the Veteran's Agent from 1993 to 2015. Larry was a longtime member of the Joel H. Prouty Masonic Lodge, where he was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason. He was also a member of the Melha Shriners of Agawam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #554**. In his free time, Larry enjoyed photography, rooting for his favorite sports teams, and travelling extensively. Some of his favorite destinations were Edinburgh, Scotland, Aruba, and Hawaii. He leaves his siblings: Robert Corbin, of Worcester, Bruce Corbin and wife Carol, of Virginia Beach, VA, Barbara McDonald, of Webster, Cheryl Gosselin, of Millbury, Janet Arrell and husband Mark, of Webster, and Scott Corbin and wife Lisa, of Shrewsbury; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, along with several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many

friends. Larry was predeceased by his brother, Kevin Corbin, in 2015. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Veteran's Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605. Relatives and friends were invited to visit with the Corbin family from 4:00–7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home, 91 Central Street, Auburn. His funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at Saint Joseph's Church, 189 Oxford Street North, Auburn. The burial, with military honors, was in the Hillside Cemetery, Auburn.



**KENNETH DALE "Ken" COX** - Died peacefully Thursday, November 2, 2023 in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 84. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Delaware of February 14, 1939 to the late Frederick and Lucile Cox. He leaves behind his wife of sixty-one years, Patricia, his three daughters, Angela (Miles), Bridgette, Celeste (Jeff), and his beloved grandson, Nick. Also, his brother, David, and a whole crew of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a cherished community of friends. Ken was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran, who received a purple heart and a bronze star for his service in Vietnam with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and was an active member of Delaware County's veterans' associations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095**. He served as a volunteer firefighter with Concord Township Fire Department for well over two decades and later became a local arson investigator. He was a mechanic, retired from the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services, he was also a small-engine technician, built Harvestore farm silos, was a baseball umpire, helped form a girl's summer softball league, was a union steward, and an elected trustee in Concord Township for more than twenty years. He loved to tell stories, believed in the power of community service, and never met a stranger. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Lucile and Frederick Cox; four sisters, Wilma, Rosemary, Jane, and Ruth; and three brothers, Don, Bill, and Ronnie. Graveside services were held at Oller Cemetery, 5459 Riverside Drive, Delaware, Ohio on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM, followed by a memorial gathering for family and friends at Black Wing Shooting Center, 3722 Marysville Road, Delaware, Ohio from 3:30-5:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to People In Need, Inc. of Delaware County, Ohio: <https://www.delawarepeopleinneed.org/make-a-donation>. The Snyder Rodman Funeral Center was honored to serve the Cox family.



**ALAN J. CRYSTAL** - Died peacefully on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the South Eastern Veteran's Center in Spring City, Pennsylvania at the age of 80. He was a resident of Malvern, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Lewy Body Dementia. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on September 15, 1943 the only son of Philip I. Crystal and Sion (née Shapiro)

Crystal. He lived his entire life in the Reading area. After graduating from Mount Penn high school in 1961, he, like many young boys who deserved to start their lives after high school, was drafted into the United States Army and served our country from 1964-1966. He would breezily tell you how much he disliked school and his disdain of homework. Recently, we laughed ourselves silly as I read him letters my grandmother had saved from his time in Boot Camp and Vietnam, recounting those days and his thoughts of Army life. I think he just didn't want to be told what to do. He returned home still optimistic about life and grateful to be back in America. He never traveled overseas again, but did drive across the United States in 1971 with his lifelong best friend, Bob. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. He was married and divorced twice and had four children. Although they were together for just a couple of years, he and my mother always remained friends and cared about each other- a rarity among divorced parents. He found his happiest relationship in 2000 when he met his longtime girlfriend, Shirley. It is true- you absolutely can find true love later in life and they were very happy together. Shirley has been by his side up to the last hours of his life. In 2020, he started showing signs of confusion and was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. As we cleaned out his apartment in Shillington, we discovered pieces of him we never knew. He saved everything- greeting cards from when he was a boy to the present, souvenirs from trips we took in the 1970's, photographs by the thousands and handmade trinkets proudly presented to him on Christmas, his birthday or father's day. And, as the father of four, you can imagine the real estate these treasures took up in his small apartment. He was a resident at the Southeastern Veteran's Center since 2022 and received excellent care from the wonderful team there. During his final weeks, the team at Holisticare Hospice provided quiet comfort and care. Throughout his life he made friends easily. In many ways, he was like Mr. Rogers, a kind person with a unique sense of humor who cared about people and animals. He had zero skills to fix anything that was broken. He was fanatical about his car- always a Chevy, and would not let us even have a sip of water in it. He would happily attend our concerts or games and cheered for all the kids, not just his own and he was generous with enthusiasm and praise. He loved shows and events and worked as an usher at the Sovereign Center in Reading for many years. He loved that job and the people there. I asked him recently what he wanted to be when he grew up and was floored when he said he wanted to be a DJ, but I should have known by his enormous record collection. He had a head for numbers and was a purchasing manager for Berks Welding Supply until they closed in the mid-80's. He also worked for Wilson School District as a bus aide. Like many people who found themselves abruptly unprepared for the age of computers, he found work where he could and lived within his means. Some people would think this would mean he wasn't 'successful', but they would be wrong. He was kind and thoughtful and strong, even after the accidental death of his daughter, Cyndie, three days after her twentieth birthday in 1989. He accepted the tragedies of the human condition with grace and his example has helped me navigate many of life's joyful events and bitter disappointments. The world needs more people like him. Time is a peculiar concept. It feels long and short, waits for no one and yet, we have the distinct human ability to remember so many specifics about our lives together. If you have the chance to help your parents (or anyone) go through their things, do it. You will learn a lot and you will have so much to be thankful for about that person. This will be the first Thanksgiving without our dad, but I couldn't have asked for a better one than Alan Crystal. Alan Crystal is survived by his youngest daughter, Nicole, whose free spirit and sense of adventure he admired, son Mark, hard- working,

dependable and independent, whom he was so proud of and loved spending time with. His girlfriend, Shirley, and lovely granddaughter, Ava, whom he adored. And many more family and friends. He was predeceased by his daughter, Cyndie, who is probably overjoyed to have him all to herself. This obituary was lovingly written for him by his oldest daughter, Michele Crystal. The picture is one I had never seen until recently and truly captures him. Thank you for being the greatest dad. We love you and miss you forever. Henninger Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**KURT DAUME** – Died Sunday, June 11, 2023 in Monroe, Michigan at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 28, 1938. He was a veterans of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**.

**RONALD EARL “Ron” DAVIES** – Died Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in De Ruyter, New York at the age of 80, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on February 20, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. There were no calling hours nor any funeral services. The burial was put off until the Spring. Please no flowers or Donations. The Smith Funeral Home of DeRuyter was in charge of the arrangements.



**ROBERT M. “Bob” DELIA** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Massachusetts at the age of 91. He was a resident of Brookline, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. CSM Delia was born on March 20, 1931 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota to the late Charles Delia and Katharine (née Kovacs) Delia. When promoted to Sergeant Major in January 1967, he was one of the youngest Sergeants Major in the Army at the age of 35 years with 18 years of service. The average age and years of service were 45 years old and 24 years of service at that time. He was one of the first Sergeants Major to be appointed to Command Sergeant Major in July 1968, the month when the United States Army first created the Command Sergeant Major rank. He served as Battalion CSM for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 68<sup>th</sup> Armor in Baumholder, Germany, interrupted by two assignments to Vietnam where he served as Battalion CSM for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry and the 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion. Since 1978 he had been a member of the Chief of Staff of the Army New England Area Retiree Council and was its Co-Chairman for many years. He was a member of Groton Pepperell Rotary from 1978 to 1994 and was its President 1983-84. He was a member of the Board of Management of the Ayer Armed Services YMCA from 1985 to 1992 and was the Chairman during all of this period. On 19 June 1988 he was awarded the “National Civilian Volunteer Leader of the Year 1987” plaque for exceptional volunteer leadership and involvement with the U.S. military and their family members at the YMCA General Assembly in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Armed Services YMCA. From 1991 to 1994 he served as Vice-President for Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Affairs for the Association of the U.S. Army First Region encompassing the nine North Eastern

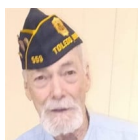
States; Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is also a Board Member of the Minuteman Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army. He was a life member of the following: Military Order of the Purple Heart, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, The Retired Sergeants Major and Chiefs Association, Combat Infantrymen's Association, and the three Divisions he was in combat with – 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association (Korea), Society of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Vietnam) and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association (Vietnam). Member of the Association of the United States Army, National Association of Uniformed Services, American Military Society and Special Forces Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. His wife of 51 years, Joan, died on October 5, 2004. She was the epitome of the Army Wife – “Army Wife, the toughest job in the Army.” She was a great partner while he served in the Army and after his retirement. Joan accompanied her veteran husband on his many military assignments in the United States and overseas. They served three assignments at the former Fort Devens, where her husband served as Post Command Sergeant Major from 1973 – 1978. Joan was very well known in the Fort Devens Community for her active membership on numerous boards and helping soldiers and their families. She also worked at the post dental clinic as a Red Cross dental assistant. Mrs. Delia was recognized for her selfless service with the many awards she received from the military units and associations she and her husband belonged to. She was also a recipient of a service award from the Boston Armed Services YMCA. Together with Joan, Mr. Delia raised four children: daughter Kimberly was born in 1954 in St. Paul, MN; son Bruce was born in 1955 at Fort Carson, CO; son Terry was born in 1959 at Fort Devens, MA; daughter Robin was born in 1962 at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA. He also had two grandchildren, Benjamin and Terry. Bob had been active in all his retirement years in helping retirees get information on their benefits and helping them get their benefits from the VA. He had taken them to the VA Admin Office in Boston, VA hospital in Boston and the DAV office in Boston. He also enjoyed traveling with Joan, exploring many inns and bed and breakfasts in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. In accordance with Bob's wishes, no public service was held. He was laid to rest during a private ceremony at Woodlawn Cemetery, Pepperell, Massachusetts alongside his late wife, Joan. He enlisted in the US Army 23 March 1948 and did Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His military assignments were as follows: Japan from July 1948 to June 1950; Korea from June 1950 to August 1951 during the Korean War; stateside duty from August 1951 to November 1956; Korea from November 1956 to March 1958; stateside duty again from March 1958 to December 1961; Korea from December 1961 to January 1963; back to stateside duty from January 1963 to August 1967; Germany from August 1967 to July 1969; Vietnam from August 1969 to August 1970 during the Vietnam War; Germany from October 1970 to June 1973; stateside duty again from June 1973 to June 1978. His principal duty assignments during the last fifteen years of his service were: from June 1973 to June 1978 as Post Command Sergeant Major at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; from August 1970 to June 1973 as Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 68<sup>th</sup> Armor in Baumholder Germany; from February 1970 to August 1970 as Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion in Vietnam; from August 1969 to February 1970 as Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Vietnam; from August 1967 to August 1969 as Battalion Command Sergeant Major of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Baumholder, Germany; from January 1967 to August 1967 as Chief Enlisted Advisor (Sergeant Major) for the 76<sup>th</sup> Reserve Training Division in West Hartford, Connecticut; from July 1965 to



January 1967 as First Sergeant, HQ XIII, US Army Corp at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and from February 1963 to July 1965 as US Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (New England Area Colleges and Universities) Admin/Operations Non-Commissioned Officer, HQ XIII US Army Corps, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. His military awards were as follows: Combat Infantryman's Badge w/star (2 awards) (Korea and Vietnam); Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal w/V device w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters (4 awards); Purple Heart medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster (2 awards) (Korea and Vietnam); Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal w/4 device (5 awards); Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters (3 awards); Good Conduct Medal w/5 Silver Knots (10 awards); Army of Occupation Medal, WWII; National Defense Service Ribbon w/Oak Leaf Cluster (2 awards); Korean Campaign Ribbon w/6 battle stars; Vietnam Campaign Medal w/4 battle stars; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star United Nations Medal (Korea); Vietnamese Service Medal w/60 device; American Unit Presidential Citation (2 awards); Valorous Unit Award w/Oak Leaf Cluster (2 awards); Korean Presidential Unit Citation; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm (5 awards); Vietnamese Civic Action Medal w/Palm (5 awards); Korean War Service Medal; Order of Saint Maurice Recipient – Centurion L – Medal.



**PAUL DATHAN DEVILLE** - Died Monday, December 4, 2023, at his residence in Deville, Louisiana at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 28, 1956 to the late Alpheus Albert Deville and Nelwin Bernice (née Miller) Deville. Loved ones left to cherish his memory are his loving children, Tessa Tuegel, and Jacob Deville; his devoted grandchildren, Katelyn Hogan, and Kody Deville; his siblings, Mike Deville (Pam), and Nelwin Zitto (Danny); his soulmate, Kay Davis; nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Paul was a proud United States Navy Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and riding motorcycles. Above all, his passion was spending quality time with his family and friends. A loving father, grandfather, brother and friend, he will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 8, 2023 at Gallagher Funeral Home, Ball, Louisiana with Reverend Gary Wiley officiating. The interment was in the Saint John's Catholic Church Cemetery in Deville, Louisiana. Honored to serve as pallbearers were Carl Sanson, Conlan Hogan, Kevin McNeely, Mickey Cole, Shawn Daze, and Tiny Woodson. Visitation for Mr. Deville was held on Friday, December 8, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM until the service time at Gallagher Funeral Home in Ball, Louisiana.



**ATTISON EDWARD "Ed" DIGBY** - Died Friday, November 10, 2023 at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 81. He was a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Toledo on April 17, 1942 to the late Glenna (née Whitt) Digby and Chester Digby. Attison married Jeanne Phillips April 29, 1964. He honorably served his country in

the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he served as a Field Wireman. Attison retired from Champion, Rogers' athletics and most recently the Lucas County Veterans Commission. He was a member of American Legion Post #553 and was a proud advocate for local veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, attending car shows and cherished the time he spent in youth athletics. Attison is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Jeanne Digby; children, James Digby, David (Nicole) Digby, Tim Digby, Mark Digby, Connie (Anthony) Barrera; grandchildren, James Digby Jr., Jordan Digby, Delicia Perez, Carlos Perez, Analicia Perez, Natalie Digby, Jacob Digby, Anthony Barrera II and great grandson, Areys Digby. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and Blue Creek Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Whitehouse, Ohio. Friends were invited to visit from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where services were held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, November 20, 2023 with Reverend Lewis Kujawski officiating. The interment was in the Springfield Township Cemetery.

**THOMAS WAYNE “Tom” DILLON** - Died in his sleep the morning of Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at his daughter's home in Virginia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Lancaster, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lancaster on November 9, 1949 to the late Virgil and Margaret Dillon. Tom retired after 30+ years at Diamond Power. He was an active veteran having served in both the United States Navy and the Ohio Air National Guard. Tom was a *Life Member* of various veteran's clubs one of which was **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carroll Chapter #1045**. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. Tom is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Tamara Dillon; son, Scott (Nancy) Dillon; daughter, Cheryl (Sean) Thompson; four grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Any donations can be made to American Legion Post #11 Lancaster, Ohio. Services were held at a later date. The arrangements were made by the Flora Funeral Service and Cremation Center, Rocky Mount, VA.



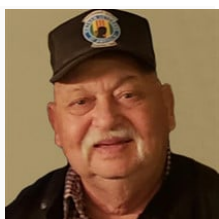
**RANDALL R. “Randy” DOPKE** - Died peacefully Sunday, October 22, 2023 at ProHealth Care Hospital, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 72, in the loving arms of his wife, Lynn. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Randy was born in West Bend, Wisconsin on February 12, 1951 to the late Geraldine (née Miller) Dopke and Harry Dopke, Jr. He graduated from Watertown High School in 1969. Randy enlisted in the United States Army on November 28, 1969. He completed basic training in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the M14 Marksmanship in Co D, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He functioned as a Specialist Four in the elite 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade serving in Vietnam from July 22, 1970 with honorable discharge on July 20, 1971. He was decorated with the Combat Infantryman Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award on August 27, 1970, the Army Commendation Medal on April 16, 1971, the Air Medal on April 17, 1971, the Army Commendation Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster on July 9, 1971 and selected for promotion to

Sergeant E-5 standing on June 11, 1971. He also received the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with device, Expert Badge with Rifle Bar and Parachutist Badge. He was authorized the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation by the Republic of Vietnam. He attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1971 to 1972. Randy was employed by Asphlundh Tree Expert Company, for Wisconsin Electric from 1978 to 1990 as a Trimmer, Foreman and General Foreman Safety Supervisor. Randy was also self-employed providing tree services and worked as a small engine mechanic at Farm and Fleet. He was the proud owner of Cool Bikes of Beaver Dam from 1996 to 2005 when he fell ill with cardiac problems. He was a member of the American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409** and the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. He was an avid fan of motorcycle, Indy and Formula One races making many trips to Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. He was married on August 23, 1980 to his bride, Lynn Leick, for 43 precious years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Geraldine and Harry, Jr. and mother and father -in-law, Virginia and Richard Leick. He is survived by his brothers, Harry (Darlene), Brian (Judy) and Lance (Rhonda) and sister Jill Ash (Robert) all of Watertown. Sisters - in - law, Lori (Mike) Boelter of Oregon and Lee Ann (Steve) Sachs of Green Bay. Nephews, Tim (May) Dopke of Juneau, Scott (Stacy) Dopke of Grafton, Colton (Kori) Ash of Phoenix, AZ, Austin (Josie) Ash of Los Angeles, CA, Trevor (Bree Ann) Sachs of Grand Forks, MN and Matthew (Sara) Boelter of Milwaukee. Nieces, Taylor Ash of Minneapolis, MN, Bridget (Rob) Neubauer of Waunakee, Elizabeth (Sam) Kopling of Oregon and Mary Sachs of Green Bay. Great-nephews: Logan Dopke, Colin Kopling and Charles Sachs. Great-nieces, Emma Dopke, Lauren Dopke, Sylvie Kopling and Remi Neubauer. The Hafemeister Funeral Home served the family. Visitation took place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Hafemeister Funeral Home from 9:00-11:00 AM. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM. The burial, with military honors, took place immediately following the service at Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made in Randy's name to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation.



**OSCAR CHARLES DOUGHERTY, SR.** – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in Vicksburg, Mississippi at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure due to diabetes. He was born in Vicksburg on October 11, 1945, was the second of eleven children born to the late Carmen (née Smith) Andrews and the late Charles Wilson Dougherty. Oscar served our country proudly and faithfully in the United States Navy right out of high school. He was retired from Letourneau and was a Member of Wayside Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City (South Dakota) Chapter #463**. He loved God and his family above all. He loved spending time with family and friends, loved to laugh and was a pretty good prankster. He enjoyed anything outdoors, was an avid hunter, but enjoyed fishing the most. He is survived by the love of his life, best friend and wife of 59 years, Jo Ann Dougherty; three sons, Oscar C. Dougherty Jr. (Shari), Steven G. Dougherty, and Joseph N. Dougherty (Jennifer); sisters Zita Williams; Julie Richardson (Mack), Frances Romedy (Randall), Lita Edwards

(Gary), Penny Eichwurtzle (Douglas), brothers William J Dougherty (Jewel) and Ray Dougherty (Gale), Grandchildren Julia Ann Spears (Zach), Alexander N. Dougherty, Bailey Bui, Bradley J. Dougherty, and Allison Schoneman (Chris) and two great-grandchildren Annabelle M. Schoneman and Ember Rose Spears along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Carma Jo Dougherty, brothers Karl Dougherty and Rusty Dougherty and sister Tina Dougherty. The pallbearers were Joe Calhoun, Jay Dougherty, Kevin Dougherty, Christopher Eichwurtzle, Leland Haggard, Jake Kirby, Wayne Muirhead, and Joe Richardson. Services were held at the Fisher-Riles Funeral Home, 5000 Indiana Avenue in Vicksburg, MS. Visitation was held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM followed by a service at 11:00 AM. The burial was held at the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, MS.



**ROGER GENE DUBACH** - Died Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at his home in Florissant, Missouri at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Monday, April 9, 1945 in Highland, Illinois to the late Richard and Roxie (née Graves) Dubach. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Florissant Chapter #794*; Union Local #30; American Legion Post #444, Florissant, MO and Florissant Elks Lodge #2316. Roger was born in Highland, IL; graduated from Highland High School in 1964 and was on the 1964 All Conference football team. He served with the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Knox and Germany with the Hawk Missile Battalion. After returning from the service, he lived in Glen Carbon, IL. Roger worked at Saint Louis Ship Yard; John Cochran Hospital, Saint Louis; Granite City Steel and US Steel. He later moved to Florissant, MO. He was an avid coon hunter and enjoyed fishing. He coached and mentored many youths in the metro east, coaching the Sting 75 and Sting select soccer team. Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Dawn M. (Fletcher) Sarver, Salem, IL; daughter and son-in-law, Diane L. (Don Brenner) Giebe, Collinsville, IL; daughter and son-in-law, Debra A. (John) Pratte, Edwardsville, IL; son and daughter-in-law, R. Matthew (Renée Stone) Dubach, Glen Carbon, IL; son, Robert H. Dubach, Godfrey, IL; stepson and wife, Steve (Jan) Giebe, Collinsville, IL; son-in-law, David Sahuri, Edwardsville, IL; grandchild and wife - Jordan (Stephanie) Sahuri; grandchild and wife, Logan (Rachel) Sahuri; grandchild, Sydney Sahuri; grandchild, Madison Pratte; grandchild, Miranda Pratte; grandchild, Carson Dubach; grandchild, Maryssa Dubach; grandchild and husband, Kristin (Mike) Bettorf; grandchild, Tara Giebe; grandchild, Joseph Stone; great-grandson, Jayden; great-grandson, Hadley; great-grandson, Tayler; great-grandson, Skylar; brother, Fred A. Dubach, Fox Lake, IL, and; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard F. Dubach who died on December 5, 1988; his mother, Roxie A. Dubach who died on January 3, 1985; his former wife, Marie (née Bensa) Dubach who died on November 22, 2022, Glen Carbon, IL; his brother, Melvin Dubach who died September 18, 1996; his brother, Elmer R. Dubach who died October 5, 1990; his brother, Earl L. Dubach who died November 30, 1988; his brother, Francis H. "Butch" Dubach who died July 3, 2004; his sister, Dollie Eyman who died in 2004; his sister, Sarah A. Gnaedinger who died on May 21, 2015; his brother, William R. Dubach who died on October 15, 1978, and;

his brother, Homer Dubach who died as an infant. The arrangements were handled by the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Visitation was held from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. The graveside service was at 11:15 AM on Monday, November 20, 2023 at Grantfork United Church of Christ Cemetery in Grantfork, IL, with Full Military Honors.



**ROBERT H. "Bob" DURRETT** (USA, CW3-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Genesis Medical Center-East Rusholme, Davenport, Iowa at the age of 79. He was a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on January 30, 1944 in Logan, Ohio to the late Shelby and Hazel (née Douglas) Durrett. He was #7 in line of 9. After a hectic life at home he was flown to Boys Town, NE, where he lived until he graduated from High School in 1963. Bob had always said that Boys Town saved him. He loved (most of his time) he was there. Boys will be boys. There was a strong bond between the other boys that made them close to this day. They were his brothers for life. This was his 60<sup>th</sup> reunion year and sadly he did not make it out this year. On other years he was excited to show off the campus and share many stories. There were stories from his brothers as well. He would show where he used to sit before seeing Fr. Wagner on days he didn't feel the love. It is now a museum of Boys Town. Bob went up to Milbank, South Dakota before entering the United States Army on November 22, 1963 in Sioux Falls. It was a proud day for him, even though President Kennedy was shot at the time he was sworn in. Bob loved his country, the American Flag, bald eagles and the military. Bob was a retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 and had served for 23 years with tours in Vietnam three times, Germany, Turkey, and Japan. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776*. Bob has many service awards with three being the bronze star. Bob's oldest sister Rose kept in touch with him throughout his life. No matter where he was she would hunt him down. She is believed to be the one who took his hand to heaven. Through Rose, Bob got to know his sister Alice (Ali). She preceded him in death. After his military service, Bob worked for the Saudi Arabian Government for one year before coming back to the U.S. and working for Alcoa. This is where he first met Robin. It was there Bob found out Robin had lived in Japan for 10 years before him. They would talk about Japan and his son Sheldon, growing up there. Many years later, after Robin left Alcoa a mutual friend told Robin of Bob being in the hospital. She felt pushed to see Bob which was out of character for her to do so. She now knows it was meant to be. When Bob got well, they went out with friends and later on a date together. From that time on, they have been a couple. Marrying in Las Vegas on October 9, 1999. Over Thanksgiving weekend, they had a reception at the Bettendorf Holiday Inn. Everyone eating and dancing was so much fun. In 2014 they married at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church. All through their marriage Bob had health issues. They got through each hurdle, but this last one was just too much. Bob had taught Robin all the lessons he could. God needed him more. Bob



and Robin had a good marriage, even through the bad times. Genesis East had become their second home. Bob made a promise to not go before Robin's parents and he kept that promise. His mother-in-law Janice passed the day before Bob. Now there are two new angels in heaven. Look out!!!! Bob loved his family, his wife Robin, son Sheldon (Sylvia) Durrett, daughter Shannon, grandchildren Addison, Sophia, Leon and Damien, his sisters Ella Glick and Freida Griffin, sister-in-laws Sandy Feddersen and Tuesday (Rick) Neely, many nieces and nephews and his brothers from Boys Town. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his siblings, Rose, Alice (Ali), Virgil, Charles (Chuck), Olive and Gladys, father and mother-in-law Donald and Janice Feddersen, brother and sister-in-law Michael and Deborah Feddersen, sister-in-law Debra Feddersen and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Genesis East and West for Bob's care throughout the years. To all of his doctors and staff who helped him to have more time with Robin. *"I love you forever! You were my strength, my mentor, The calm to my crazy. Until we meet again. I love you honey, What a wonderful ride!! Robin"* P.S. Bob never converted Robin to a Packers fan. Go BEARS!! Funeral services and Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Anthony's Catholic Church with visitation being held one hour prior to the Mass at the church. Memorials may be made to Boys Town, American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

**RICHARD W. "Rick" EMERT, JR.** - Died Friday, July 21, 2023 in Boswell, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 13, 1947 to the late Richard W. Emert, Sr. and Daisy (née Reiber) Emert. Rick is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Joyce A. Emert; children, Brian K. (Rachel Fleming) Gerber and Joel C. (Sherry Stull) Gerber; siblings, John (Mary Bernard) Emert and Emily (Randy) Troy. He is also survived by nephews, Brennan Troy, Simon Emert and John Emert; and his beloved dog, Nikki. Rick served his country in the United States Air Force, Special Forces, from 1966 -1971 in Vietnam. After serving his country he took to serving his community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerset Chapter #587**. Rick was a volunteer firefighter with the Acosta Fire Department. He then served as an EMT and Paramedic for many years and enjoyed teaching and training students in the field. He was affectionately known by his students and colleagues as "Pappy". Rick was a lifetime member of the Stoystown American Legion, a co-founder of the Legion Riders and a PA Motorcycle Instructor. He was also a member of the VFW and Beulah United Methodist Church. Rick will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Friends and family were received from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the Miller Funeral Home and Crematory of Somerset, where a funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM with Reverend Thomas Brown, officiating. The interment was at the Beulah Cemetery. The family requested that memorial contributions be directed to a Veterans Organization or other charity of your choice. Online condolences may be expressed at [millerfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://millerfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).



**FRIEDHELM "Fred" FAUST** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in Meridianville, Alabama at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 10, 1936 in Germany. Friedhelm immigrated to the United States in 1955 from Germany. He enlisted into the United States Army to gain citizenship, and to become an American. He was a 30-year veteran of the United States Army. He did 2 tours of Duty in Vietnam, and 5 tours to Germany. He attended and graduated from the Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. Among his awards were The Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and The Air Medal. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067*. He is survived by his Wife of 62 years, Gisela Faust, His son Freddy and daughter in law Lynn. His grandchildren Lindzey, Venessa, Jenny and Vicki. His great grandchildren, Jeremy, Chloe, Summer, Phebe, Ella, Collin, Sky, Adeline, and Corwin. His sister Waltraud Finkler, and nephews and niece, Uwe, Joerg and Anja. His sister-in-law, Annelore Faust, and nieces Kerstin and Nicoletta, grand-nephew Jens. A visitation for Friedhelm was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at that Valhalla Funeral Home, 698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Alabama, followed by a memorial service at 3:00 PM. A reception was held at the family home after the service at 106 Elton Drive, Meridianville, AL. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.valhallafunerals.com](http://www.valhallafunerals.com) for the Faust family.



**JOSEPH "Joe" FERRANTE** – Died Thursday, April 27, 2023 in Madison, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Joe was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 23, 1946 to the late Mary Ferrante, who preceded him in death. Joseph is survived by his wife, Jean (née Stephenson), and his children, Julianne and Joey (Rachel). He also has a loving granddaughter, Sophia. Joseph is a United States Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving honorably in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marines. For his service, he received many awards, including a Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067*. Joe continued his service after retirement in a mentorship role during veteran events, but his greatest devotion was to his family. Joe also leaves a wealth of memories for his family and friends to always cherish, and he will be dearly missed by all those who loved him. Visitation was held on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00- 7:00 PM at the Legacy Chapel Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Semper Fi Community Task Force, [www.semperfi.org](http://www.semperfi.org), in Joe's memory.

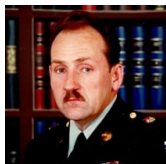


**GENNARO “Jerry” FERRARO** – Died Thursday, September 28th, 2023 in Allentown, Pennsylvania at the age of 80, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania on August 18, 1943. He was a standout athlete and baseball player at Bristol High School. During the Vietnam War, he bravely served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, working as a gunner and tunnel rat, and earned numerous medals, including the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. Jerry met his beloved wife, Colette, at Edinboro University before embarking on a decades-long teaching career in the Parkland School District. Together, they nurtured and raised two wonderful children, Andrew and Jeffrey Ferraro. He is also survived by two loving grandchildren, Anna and Ethan Ferraro and his sisters, Mary Ann Krumm, Dolores Cascarino, Genevieve Waltz, and Christine Daniels (Ray). Jerry was grateful for the opportunity to influence so many students and cherished his job as well as the affection of the community. He loved his family above all else and will be greatly missed. Family and friends were invited to visit on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 8:30–9:30 AM at the Galzerano Funeral Home, 430 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007. The funeral service was at 9:30 AM. The interment was held at Washington Crossing National Cemetery under the direction of the Galzerano Funeral Home.



**ROBERT LESLIE “Bob” FICKEL** – Died Wednesday, May 17, 2023, peacefully and contentedly at his home in Casa Grande, Arizona at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born in Columbus, Ohio on September 14, 1948 to the late John Robert and Lois (née Heyde) Fickel. Bob was surrounded by his loving wife, Nancy, his two daughters and his son-in-law. As high school sweethearts, after graduating from Newark High School, Bob and Nancy followed their hearts, eloped, and would have eventually celebrated 57 years of marriage in December 2023. It truly was a fairy tale love story. Bob was a proud Vietnam Veteran and served his country in the United States Army before beginning his lifelong career as a school bus salesman. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. He retired in 2012 and, once again, he and Nancy followed their hearts and relocated from Ohio to live their very best life in the Arizona desert. Retirement was made even better because Bob and Nancy lived nearly next door to Gary (brother-in-law) and Judy (sister-in-law), sharing so many fun times with them and other friends and neighbors. Bob was an exceptional husband, father and papa who always placed his family first. He found great joy in so many of the small moments in life, such as fishing with his grandchildren, hosting summer barbecues, singing along to Jimmy Buffet songs, enjoying Nancy’s eclectic cooking, and vacationing in the Caribbean. Fondly known as “Big Daddy”, a nickname chosen by his son-in-law Pavel, Bob generously gave of himself. He lived with character, integrity and humility and brought out the best in those around him. Bob was preceded in death by his father John Robert and his mother Lois. He is survived by his adoring wife Nancy; his daughter Julia Fiorentino and her four sons (David, Andrew, Joshua, and Joseph); his daughter Cindy Zhivotovsky, her husband Pavel and their three children (Jessica, Ashley, and Nathaniel); his sister Sandra Kay Frahn and her husband Ray; and many loving nieces,

nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, anyone inclined may consider a donation to Savior Hospice and Palliative Care (1640 N. Peart Rd., Casa Grande, Arizona 85122) or to the Ironwood Village Community Fund (1580 E. Laurel Dr., Casa Grande, Arizona 85122). The Heritage Casa Grande Funeral Home were entrusted with the arrangements.



**DANIEL PERRSON "Dan" FINE** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Friday, October 27, 2023 in Rock, West Virginia at the age of 81, surrounded by loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 16, 1942 in Bud, West Virginia to the late Harmon Fine and Eunice (née Brown) Fine. Dan attended Covell High School, Matoaka High School and Bluefield College. He proudly served as a Sergeant with the United States Air Force from 1960 until his honorable discharge in 1968, after which he served as Master Sergeant with the United States Army from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1996 as a decorated veteran with many medals and awards. While in service, he married his high school sweetheart, Brenda J. Davis, and settled in Rock on his family's farm. They celebrated 56 years of marriage in May. He also worked for the WV Dept. of Highways from 1969 until his retirement in 2003. He was a member of the American Legion of US Veterans Association Princeton Chapter, the Blue Gray Chapter, NRA, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628** and many other organizations. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Anthony Fine; sister, Arlene Owens; sister, Mary Ann Reece; and beloved dog, Casey. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Brenda (née Davis) Fine; sons, Daniel P. Fine, II and wife Tina of Wise, VA and Robin Fine and wife Cathy of Rock; daughter, Mandy Ganoe and husband Alan of Princeton; brother, David Lee Fine and wife Mary Jo of Littleton, CO; granddaughters, Samantha, Megan, Brianna and Kaitlyn; great grandchildren, Rilyn, Thomas, Alora, Vincent and Logan; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Larry Cecil officiating. The interment was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where military honors were conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. The family received friends on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 12:00 Noon until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).



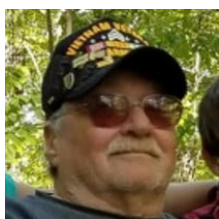
**KATHLEEN M. "Kathy" (née Metzger) FOLLMER** – Died Monday, November 6, 2023 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in June 23, 1952. She was the beloved wife of Phillip Gregg Follmer; dear mother of Ryan (Dawn) Follmer, and; dear grandmother of Madison Follmer and Camden Follmer. Our dear sister of 3, aunt, niece, cousin and friend. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. The funeral was from the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. The interment was Jefferson Barracks National

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions were asked to be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1028, Payable to VVA Chapter #1028, mailed to C/O Tom Brophy, 6026 Arthur Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63139. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM.

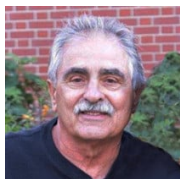


**PAUL EDWARD FORTIN, PhD** (USAF, COL-Ret.) – Died Saturday, July 22, 2023 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 93, surrounded by Jane, his wife of 66 years, and their adult children, David Fortin, Joan Fortin Peterson, Suzanne Fortin, and John Fortin. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The cause of death is unknown. Paul was born on August 21, 1930 in Newburyport, Massachusetts to the late Josephine (née Connors) Fortin and Joseph Fortin. He had one older brother, Alfred, that preceded him in death. He graduated from Newburyport High School, attended Fork Union Military Academy. Paul was accepted and graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1953, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering and ultimately a PhD in Electrical Engineering (EE). He was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After initial officers training, he attended pilot, navigator and electronic warfare training. His first assignment was in 1955 at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas, as an electronics countermeasure war officer and crew member on the RB-47 reconnaissance aircraft (part of the Strategic Air Command), 55th Wing. He flew during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and obtained the photographic evidence of USSR involvement. He also flew reconnaissance overflights of the USSR from Thule, Greenland and Incirlik, Turkey. In 1963 he was sent to the Air Force Institute of Technology at Oklahoma State University to obtain his Master of Science in electrical engineering. After completing his degree in 1965 he was assigned to the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. Between 1967-1968 he was deployed to Takhli Royal AFB Thailand, to fly countermeasure missions over North Viet Nam. As part of the Red River Rats, he flew over 100 combat air missions in the RB -66. On his return home, he was assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology at Denver University. Paul obtained his PhD from the University of Denver and upon graduation was assigned to Kirkland AFB, New Mexico to design and test electronic countermeasures for the USAF next generation aircraft. He worked on the electronic system of Air Force 1. In 1980, Paul was promoted to Colonel and stationed at the Pentagon, and Andrews AFB in the Washington DC area. He retired after 30 years of honorable service as a distinguished and highly decorated Korean, Cold War and Vietnam veteran. After military retirement, Paul worked for the University of Kansas School of Engineering as a professor of electrical engineering and aerospace engineering. He taught at the Kansas University Lawrence Campus, Kansas University satellite campus in Kansas City, and the Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College. In 1990, he was tasked to develop curricula for the Kansas City Magnet Schools of Engineering. In 1995 he relocated to Topeka, Kansas and headed the Kansas

Commission of Aerospace Education and was involved in many national aerospace education associations. He was awarded the Kansas Governor's Award for Aerospace Education in 2009. In 2021, he was inducted into the USAF 55<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Hall of Fame. He was active with the Foundation for Aeronautical Education and the Topeka Combat Air Museum. He volunteered as a math and science instructor for the Topeka Let's Help Program and as a volunteer at the Colmery-O'Neill VA Hospital. He was a member of the Swinging Squares dance club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Jane. Together they taught with Global Volunteers and Road Scholars. He enjoyed time working on his beloved farm in rural Douglas County, Kansas. In 2021, Paul donated the entire quarter-section of farmland to Duck's Unlimited as a wildlife sanctuary. Memorial services were held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Topeka, Kansas on Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023.



**DARRYL R. FUCHS** – Died Tuesday, October 31, 2023 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on March 19, 1948. He was the beloved husband of 52 years to Julie E. (née Franz) Fuchs; loving father of Michelle (Jeff) Pilley and Greg (Stephany) Fuchs; cherished grandfather of Tyler, Lauren, Ella, and Conner; survived by one sister, two brothers and nieces and nephews. Darryl was a proud Vietnam Veteran and an avid outdoorsman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. The family was present to receive relatives and friends on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home, 2510 Union Road, Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William Street). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 10:00 AM in Saint Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Cheektowaga. There was a private interment in Saint Adalbert Cemetery in Lancaster. Donations may be made in Darryl's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #77, 47 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150. Please leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com).



**WILLIAM C. "Billy" GALLINA, JR.** - Died peacefully Sunday, January 8, 2023, at the Cleveland. Ohio Clinic at the age of 76 with his family by his side. He was a resident of Alliance, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1946 in Alliance to the late William and Ann (née Schneider) Gallina, Sr. and lived in Alliance all of his life. He was a 1965 graduate of Alliance High School and a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served our country in the United States Army from 1965 – 1968. He was a member of the VFW Post #1036, the American Legion Post #166 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Thomas A. Mangino (Alliance) Chapter #157**.



He was also a member of B.P.O. Elks, Lodge #467 and the Christopher Columbus Society. Bill was employed at GM Lordstown Plant for 34 years. Bill was a handyman, spending much of his time remodeling houses. He was an avid fan of Cleveland sports teams and Ohio State Football. He enjoyed playing golf and taking part in family gatherings. He especially loved attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events. Survivors include his wife, Susan G. (née Berlin) Gallina, whom he married on May 11, 1968; two daughters, Rachelle Gallina and Jennifer (Michael) Ritchie; his son, William (Jennifer) Gallina III; seven grandchildren, Danielle (Jack) Lunsford, Sierra (Kyle) Lepley, Paige Gallina, Abbie Gallina, Alexandra Ritchie, Emma Ritchie and William Gallina, IV; six great-grandchildren, Rhyan Johnson, Gabriel Lunsford, Renna Lunsford, Lucas Lepley, Leah Lepley and Rosemary Lunsford; two sisters, Mary Ann (Randy) Domer and Lynda Hofer; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family. Preceding him in death were his parents. The family received friends on Thursday, January 12, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, with Reverend Father G. David Weikart, as celebrant. The burial, with military honors, immediately followed at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions were suggested to Vietnam Veterans of America, Thomas A. Mangino Chapter #157, 880 South Union Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601. You are invited to view William's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories at [www.sharerfuneralhome.com](http://www.sharerfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were made by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.



**JOSEPH ARSENE E. "Joe" GARAND** - Died peacefully Friday, October 20, 2023 at home in Sanford, Maine at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Biddeford, Maine on October 29, 1934 to the late Jacques and Clara (née Fecteau) Garand. He grew up in Biddeford and graduated from Saint Louis High School. He entered the United States Air Force in 1955, serving for 20 years. His time in the service included several tours in Vietnam and duty stations all over the world. He was married to Simonne Côté in 1956 and they shared 53 years of marriage before her passing in 2009. After retiring from the Air Force, Joe moved back to Maine and worked at several jobs but eventually settled at Pratt and Whitney. He was never far from aviation. Joe enjoyed his miniature horses, travelling with his wife, including driving along the coast and walking on the beach. After Simonne's passing, Joe became active in the VFW and the DAV as well as being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Biddeford Chapter #1044** other veteran organizations. He was active with the Knights of Columbus, Fatima and the Mennaisian Family. He also worked at Presidential Airways and even fueled the Bush's plane when they would visit their home in Kennebunkport. Mr. Garand is survived by his sister, Sr. Clara Garand PM of Marlboro, MA; his children, Charlotte Garand of Sanford, Roch Garand of Sanford and Antoine Garand and his wife Dosheena Karim of Florida; his grandchildren, Emily Garand-Williams and Alexander Garand and his great-grandchildren, Shok and Story Williams. Visiting hours were held at the Carll, Heald and Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale on

Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish, Holy Family Church on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM. The burial was at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy were asked to consider a donation to one of the organizations below. VFW 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, ME 04073 or at <https://www.vfw.org> Wounded Warriors Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>; DAV, 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, ME 04073 or at <https://www.dav.org>.



**WILLIAM BRUNO “Bill” GOEDE** – Died Sunday, November 5, 2023 at Green Prairie in Plainview, Minnesota at the age of 78. He was a resident of Plainview. The cause of death was kidney cancer. Bill’s calm and courageous fight with kidney cancer ended peacefully with his family singing “God Bless the USA” at his side. Bill was born in Winona, Minnesota on December 6, 1944 to the late Bruno and Ruth (née Lawson) Goede. He was raised in the community of Plainview, MN, where he attended Plainview Community Schools. After graduating in 1962, he worked at Kahler Corporation before attending Dunwoody Institute and Brown Institute of Electronics. In June 1965, he joined the United States Army, serving in Vietnam from 1966-1967. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Bill was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview. After leaving the Army in 1968, Bill worked for Rochester Medical for one year. In 1969, he began his career with Pioneer Telephone Company/United Telephone/Sprint Telecommunications, retiring in March 2006 as Field Supervisor for the Plainview/Hastings service area. Bill married Marie Lee on October 31, 1970. They were blessed with three children, Darcy, Brett and Tara. Bill was very active as a lifetime member of The American Legion Post #179 in Plainview. He held many positions at the Post, District, State and National levels of The American Legion, including District Commander from 1985 to 1986, and State Commander from 2001 to 2002. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. He was also a member of AVAVICUS, The 40 & 8, and The Royal Canadian Legion. His civic service included membership in The Plainview Lions Club where he was a past president; being a 23-year member of the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Chief his last five years; serving on the Minnesota State Gambling Board from 2004 to 2021, serving as chairman during his tenure; and was a Plainview City Council member from 2010-2014, and served as the Mayor of Plainview from 2014-2016. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oronoc Chapter #1110**. Throughout his life, Bill enjoyed camping with Marie and their family during the summers, watching western movies and TV shows, being outdoors – hunting and gardening, visiting the Plainview Farmer’s Market on Wednesdays, and cheering on his grandson, Jamison, throughout all his activities, but especially his basketball career. Bill had an impressive Pipka Santa collection and looked forward to his yearly German Chocolate Cake made by Marie for his birthdays. Despite being a “stubborn German”, his family loved him dearly. Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marie; daughter, Darcy of Robbinsdale, MN and grandson, Jamison, now residing in Columbus, OH; son, Brett (Kent) Larsen of Greenville, WI; and Tara of Plainview, MN; sisters, Jean Henke of Chatfield, MN and Julie (Joel) Eggenberger of Green Valley, AZ; sisters-in-law, Carmena Melvin of Rochester, MN, and Rose Ellen Lee of Sheboygen Falls, WI; brother-in-law, Bob (Lisa) Lee of Chippewa Falls, WI; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He

was preceded in death by his parents, Bruno and Ruth; in-laws, Edward and Ella Lee; brothers and sisters-in law, Carol (Lee) Judge, JoAnn (Lee) Beno, Leo and Peggy (Lee) O'Neil, Kenneth Henke, Martin and Joan Lee, Morgan Lee; many aunts and uncles; one niece and two nephews. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Schleicher Funeral Home in Plainview, and one hour prior to the funeral service at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Monday. Funeral service was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview with Reverend J. Philipp Augustine officiating. The interment was held at a later date. Military rites were provided by Plainview American Legion Post #179. Bill's family would like to thank Mayo Oncology, Mayo Hospice, and Green Prairie in Plainview for their excellent care of Bill during his cancer treatments and his hospice care.



**THE HONORABLE MAYO KING GRAVATT** - Died Sunday, October 15, 2023 in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Blackstone, Virginia. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was born on July 4, 1946 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania to the late Mercedes (née King) Mayo and the late William Moncure Gravatt, Jr. He is survived by his children, Carter Randolph Gravatt (Windley), John Willie Gravatt (Gina), and Sarah Gravatt Briggs (Bill) and their mother Sarah Sutton Gravatt; grandchildren, Sutton Carter Gravatt and Sophie Leigh Gravatt; sister Mercedes Gravatt Grandin; nephew Edward Wilson Grandin and niece Mercedes Mayo Grandin. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, William Moncure Gravatt, III. Mr. Gravatt graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA in 1964. He excelled in both academics and sports, being a National Merit Scholar finalist and a star athlete on both the track and field team and football team. Among his many athletic accomplishments, he was undefeated in the 13-foot pole vault for six seasons and scored the winning point during the 1962 football game against Woodberry Forest. He was inducted into the Episcopal High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019 for his athletic achievements. Mr. Gravatt received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and his Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee University. Before completing his degrees, Mr. Gravatt proudly served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971 and served in the Vietnam War in Company B, 1<sup>st</sup>/46<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 198<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. He was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained when his unit was ambushed and a mortar round exploded in close proximity. He received numerous other medals during his service including Division Soldier of the Month twice, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Parachutist's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and eight letters of commendation. He was an Honor Graduate of both the 8<sup>th</sup> Army N.C.O. Academy and the Fort Polk, Louisiana Drill Sergeant School. He was honorably discharged having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackstone Chapter #806**. Mr. Gravatt practiced law throughout his career. Directly after attaining his law degree and passing the bar exam in 1975, he joined his father in private practice at Gravatt and Gravatt, Attorneys. In 1986, he became the Commonwealth Attorney for Nottoway County and in 2012, he was appointed as a General District Court Judge. He retired from the Courts in 2018. Mr. Gravatt was passionate

about the outdoors and adventure sports and was an avid and skilled kayaker and rock climber. He loved nothing more than to be paddling down a beautiful river full of challenging rapids and surrounded by mountains. He also loved Idaho and the incredible beauty across the western U.S. He took numerous trips with family and friends to explore the many parks, rivers, and natural wonders, including a trip with his 70+ year old mother to give her the opportunity to see and experience the wonders of the West. The family held a visitation and celebration of life on November 18, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Blackstone Chapel of the Joseph McMillian Funeral Home, 1826 Cox Road, Blackstone, VA 23824. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation or to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation for Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center. [www.mcmillianfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmillianfuneralhome.com).



**JIMMY WADE HANCOCK** - Died Monday, October 16, 2023 in Lynchburg, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Livingston, Tennessee on March 31, 1946 to the late Carlos and Laura Hancock. Jimmy was known as a dear friend to all who knew him and simply as "Poppy" to his five beloved grandchildren. Jimmy is survived by Brenda, his loving wife of 53 years, and two daughters, Kerri Hancock Stevenson (Jeff) and Amanda Hancock Wenger (Danny). In addition, he is also survived by his sister, Wanda Hancock Phillips (Jimmy), his five beautiful grandchildren, Darrin, Alex, Charlotte, Matthew, and Emma, as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws, and friends who all considered Jimmy to be a significant and beloved person in their lives. Jimmy is preceded in death by his father, Carlos, his mother, Laura, and his brother, Wayne. He attended Livingston Academy. Following graduation in 1964, Jimmy enlisted and served his nation honorably in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1964-1968. After his honorable discharge, Jimmy married Brenda Stewart in 1970 and moved to Lynchburg, VA where he worked for many years as an NDE Technologist at BWXT. Jimmy was a proud member of the Monument Terrace Troop Rally, a group of veterans who have met each week since 2001 to display support for active US military personnel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. In life, Jimmy enjoyed spending his time in the outdoors and in books as well as in the company of his friends and family. A long-time worshipper at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Jimmy had a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ and now enjoys spending his time in the presence of his Savior. Jimmy's visitation service was held on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Pate Chapel on the campus of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg. The funeral service was held at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 23, 2023 and also at Pate Chapel. If you knew Jimmy, he knew you and considered you a friend. All were welcome. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Salvation Army and Saint Jude's. The staff of the Tharp Funeral Home of Lynchburg assisted with the arrangements.



**CHARLES ARTHUR "Charlie" HARRINGTON** - Died Sunday, November 5, 2023 in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 26, 1948 in Sharon, Connecticut to the late Virginia M. and Charles L. Harrington. Charlie lived a life defined by service, passion, and love for his family. He was an esteemed Vietnam veteran, firefighter, and dedicated family man. Charlie was a man of intelligence and spirit. He pursued his education in Pawling, NY, and furthered his studies at Dutchess (NY) Community College, Florida SW State College (formerly Edison Junior College), and Florida Gulf Coast University. This foundation paved the way for a remarkable career in public safety and service. His commitment to serving his community was evident in his professional choices. Charlie was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran who went on to serve as a firefighter in Poughkeepsie, NY. He rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief, demonstrating his leadership and dedication. Following his tenure with the fire department, he worked as a Corrections Officer for Dutchess County NY Jail. Upon retiring in NY, he relocated to Lehigh Acres, FL, where he worked in security for a Banking Data Center. Charlie's interests were diverse and deeply personal. He was an ardent fan of stock car racing and had a special love for NASCAR, particularly the Truck Series. However, his greatest joy was spending time with his twin grandchildren, Parker and Gwynn "Bella" Smith. His love for them was profound, evident in his active involvement in their activities and his unwavering support, even in his later years when his health began to decline. In 2002, Charlie found another calling when he joined the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Morgantown Chapter #306** as a *Life Member*. He served as the chapter's President for over a decade and also served on the VVA WV State Council. His dedication led him to become a VA certified Service Officer, where he found a renewed passion for helping his fellow Veterans. His work with the VVA led to enduring friendships and recognition as the Monongalia County Veteran of the Year in 2011. Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Tamara Bolyard; his son, Charles A Harrington Jr.; his step-daughter, Krista Sheets, and her husband, Chris Smith; his grandchildren, Alexis and Aubrie Harrington, and Parker and Gwynn "Bella" Smith; his sister-in-law, Chauna Bucklew, and her fiancé, Doug Bush; his niece, Kearsten Williams, and her children, Kailer and Kennade; his sister, Rose Marie Ronveaux; and his nephew, John Ronveaux II. Charlie's life was a testament to his thoughtful nature and spirited demeanor. He was a beacon of strength, resilience, and love in the lives of his family, friends, and community. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched and the positive impact he made in his service to his country and community. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered. Friends came to join the family honoring Charles's life and legacy at the Smith Funeral and Cremation Care, 108 Holland Avenue, Westover / Morgantown on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. A graveside committal service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Pruntytown, where he was laid to rest with Full Military Honors. Messages of comfort and other symbolic gestures for the Harrington family may be offered at [www.smithfcc.com](http://www.smithfcc.com).



**HARLEY FRED HENRY** – Died recently in 2023 in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 3, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**.



**LEONARD WAI KONG HO** - Died Wednesday, November 1 2023 at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii at the age of 76. He was a resident of Honolulu. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 10, 1947. He was a lifelong United States Marine and Veteran of the Vietnam War. Leonard worked for the US government in several different capacities. Enjoyed his time with many civic organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. He is survived by his wife, Grace; four children, Brandon (Alette), Barney (Jastine), Belissa (Adam), Bixby; five grandchildren; and two sisters. A celebration of life was held on November 16, 2023 at the Borthwick Mortuary Makai Chapel. Visitation hours were held from 900-1100 AM. Aloha attire was suggested. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.BorthwickOahu.com](http://www.BorthwickOahu.com) for the Ho family.



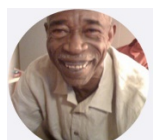
**DONALD A. HOULE, SR.** - Died Monday, July 3, 2023 in Chicopee, Massachusetts at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He passed into Eternal Life at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield surrounded by the care and comfort of his loving family. He was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on May 24, 1948 to the late Armand J. and Alice D. (née Manseau) Houle. He was raised and educated in Chicopee and had lived in Chicopee most of his life. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1972 and attained the rank of Private. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal with Six Stars and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was employed as a bus driver for the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. During his leisure, he enjoyed listening to Polish music, fishing, walking, collecting stamps and people watching. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and many friends. He leaves his three loving children, Donald A. Houle, Jr. and his partner, Catharine Sostre, of Westfield, Matthew A. Houle and his wife, Denise, of Clarksburg, MD and Katie K. Houle and her husband, Jesse, Haas, of Chicopee; his four cherished grandchildren, Cooper Houle, Mollie Houle, MacKenzie Houle, Gary Haas; his dear brother, Gerard O. Houle and wife, Mary, of Southampton; and his many dear extended family members and friends. His Funeral Services were held at a later date and time. There were no visiting hours. His funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Saint Pierre-Phaneuf Aldenville Chapels, 13 Dale Street,



Chicopee, MA. For more details and to leave his family condolence messages, please visit: [www.stpierrephaneuf.com](http://www.stpierrephaneuf.com).



**WILLIAM HUGGINS** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on August 21, 1947 in Leake County, Mississippi to the late Charles and Floice Huggins. William was retired from the United States Army after serving multiple tours in Vietnam and Germany as a communications specialist. After retirement he was employed by AAFES for 2 years, Beach Oil Company for 2 years, and retired for a second time from Walmart store #1075 after 20 years. William enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, traveling, and studying genealogy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**. In addition to his parents, William is preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Sue Huggins; daughter, Melonie Huggins; siblings: Junior, Billy, James, Bernice, and Annie; and adopted child: Dale Jacks. He is survived by his daughter, Melissa (Susanna) Huggins; siblings: Issac, and Mancil (Bobbi Jo) Deason, Hazel (Willie) Spence, Mandy Rone, and Peggy Winstead; adopted children: Wendy Gibbs, Adrianna Martinez, Kathryn (Johnnie) Cable, Erin Burns, and Kim (JR) Jacks; grandchildren: Scott (Shannon) Rives, Jonnie Wyatt, Matthew Wyatt, Jamie Pretty, Novelle (Morgan) Flippen, Daniel Corzine, Sheena (Victor) Corzine, Dakota (Haileigh) Brown, Juliette Duncheskie, Desi Martinez, Tatyana (Christian) Bellido, Christopher Carre, Madison Carre, Kyle Gibbs, Chevy Terrill; 15 great grandchildren; special friend, Virginia Netherton; step-son, Christopher Netherton; in-laws: George (Kathy) Janssen, Gloria (Walter) Dowiak, and Margaret Lognion. A Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the Sykes Funeral Home. The family received friends from 2:30 PM until the time of service. Please visit William's online guestbook at [www.sykesfuneralhome.com](http://www.sykesfuneralhome.com) and share a memory with the family.



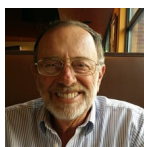
**ROBERT LOUIS JACKSON** – Died Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at the North Alabama Specialty Hospital in Athens, Alabama at the age of 74, surrounded by his wife and immediate family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1948 in Selma, Alabama to the late Hugh Jackson and Carrie (née Whatley) Jackson. He confessed his belief in Christ and was baptized at Gaines Chapel Methodist Church in Sardis, AL and later joined Zion #1 Methodist Protestant Church in Selma, AL. Robert graduated from Tipton High School in Selma, Alabama. He attended J. F. Drake Technical College achieving a degree in Automotive Mechanics. He was a 6-year Veteran of the United States Army working as an Administrative Specialist where he received numerous commendations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. After leaving the military Robert returned to Huntsville, AL to resume

his career in automotive mechanics. He also met the love of his life Eloise (Lois) Walton whom he married on January 4, 1985. He also assumed the role of father to her son Derrick Walton. Robert was the oldest of 9 siblings; his parents also raised his father's sister as their child when her mother passed. Being the oldest of nine siblings, much was expected of him. He had to set an example for the others to follow. He always put "FAMILY" first. When he joined the Army, several brothers followed him by joining the Army, Air Force, and Navy. He never forgot his small community upbringing in Selma, visiting elderly friends and family when he returned home. He also retained a lifetime friendship with his small graduating class from Tipton. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Hugh Jackson and Carrie Whatley Jackson and siblings Mary Jackson Moorer, Earnest Jackson, and Joanne Stevenson. He was also preceded in death by nephews Barry Jackson, DeMarius Jackson, and Raphael Stevenson. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Lois Walton-Jackson, Son Derrick (Veronica) Walton, three granddaughters Shaniqua Walton, Shayla Walton, and Parris Woodard all of Huntsville, AL, seven siblings Katie Jackson (John) Rankin of Selma, AL, William (Mary) Jackson of Las Vegas, NV, Willie (Pam) Jackson of Little Elm, TX, Eddie (Virginia) Jackson, Jessie Jackson, Leonard Jackson, and Alex Davis, all of Selma, AL, god sister and brother Rochelle and Lawrence Bonner, two Aunts: Geraldine Harris and Emma Knox., seven great grandchildren Jace Ricks, Kaydence Ricks, Klover Woods, Bailey Acklin, Hailey Stinnett, Dallas Harper, and Milan Harper. He's also survived by in-laws, nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Funeral service was at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the Royal Chapel of Memories, 4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, AL with Pastor Danny Jefferson officiating. The interment was in the Madison Memory Gardens. The Jackson family received guests from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Royal Chapel of Memories. Public viewing was held from 1:00 until 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 and from 8:30 AM until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the Royal Funeral Home. To view the service of Mr. Robert Louis Jackson, please click on the link below: <https://vimeo.com/event/3498231>



**VERLIN LEROY JONES** - Died Friday, October 6, 2023 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 77. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on April 29, 1946 in Topeka to the late Thomas and Geraldine (née Kennedy) Jones. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1965. He later attended Park College and graduated Cum Laude with two Bachelor Degrees in Human Resource Management and Information and Computer Science. Verlin proudly served in the United States Air Force for over 22 ½ yrs. He served in Vietnam in 1968 through 1969 having arrived right before the Tet Offensive. He started his career in photo reconnaissance immediately prior to being deployed to Vietnam. In 1982 he moved career fields to missile maintenance on the Minute Men missiles. He received numerous awards and medals during his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Verlin's main focus was his spiritual life and lifting up others in need. He was a pillar of his spiritual community and would often encourage others that he met in life. Verlin married Lois Stutz on August 22, 1969 in

Topeka, Kansas. They had 3 children, Sara (Joergen) Laigaard, Madeline Ruth Jones, Brad (Jessica) Jones and Angi Taylor who is loved like a daughter. They also have 4 grandchildren, Darcy Hobbs, Lydia Hobbs, Tristan Hobbs and Maya Bailey and 3 great grandchildren, Kristian Jones, J.R. Overley and Wesley Watson. He was preceded in death by his Daughter, Madeline Ruth Jones and his parents. A visitation took place from 2:00-4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the Penwell Gabel Funeral Home, with military honors being held at 3:00 PM. The inurnment took place at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, Calvary Chapel, which is located in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. The church also has an amazing online presence as well, where anyone globally can join by watching pastor J.D. Farag's weekly updates. Please visit Donations in the [jdfarag.org](http://jdfarag.org) menu drop down.



**ROBERT DONALD "Bob" JUNKIN, JR.** - Died Wednesday, August 16, 2023 in Roseburg, Oregon at the age of 79, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 3, 1944. He still had half a life's worth of plans and he is survived by several loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. His sisters, Suzanne Anderson and Trisha Akers, knew him as Bobby. His daughter Mary Patricia Junkin and stepchildren Allen P. Roberts Jr. and Stella Dobson knew him lovingly as Dad. His significant other, Millie Wilson, knew him as her favorite two step and waltz partner. The World's Finest United States Navy knew him as Petty Officer Junkin, his close friends knew him as Mr. Reliable and those poor fools at the Wednesday night pool league knew him as a hustler. People who have seen his photos knew him as the most photogenic person and the local veterans knew him as a former Post Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter #805**. Before he retired, customers of RJ Computer Services and Pacific NW Computer Services knew him as their always punctual and friendly hero there to save them from their printing woes. Bob loved life, was an excellent listener, and could find humor in almost any situation. He had the best penmanship in the state, always put Old Glory out the morning of July 4th and took it down at sunset, and thought people who ate creamy peanut butter instead of chunky were savages. He excelled at living within his means but if you ever saw him overpay for anything it was for an American car, whiskey or bad service. His overall golf game was unmemorable but he made up for it with his legendary short game. He had a passionate love affair with frozen Mr. Goodbars, anything with apricot, Westerns, and telling wild stories...which 100% of the time were at least 50% true. An Honor Guard ceremony was held at the Roseburg National Cemetery on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, where he was laid to rest by his one and only Nancy. Join Bob's vast fan club Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post #9745 in Winston at 1:00 PM for a memorial service to honor his life.



**DAVID B. KELLIHER** - Died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Agawam Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Agawam, Massachusetts at the age of 75, with his devoted wife by his side. He was a resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in

Springfield, Massachusetts on April 2, 1948 to the late Francis and Alice (née Driscoll) Kelliher and grew up in Holyoke. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Monica Kelliher; his two sons Jason and Nicholas; his sisters Patricia O'Connor and Jane O'Donnell, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Luann Bresnahan. David graduated from Holyoke High School and Greenfield Community College. He proudly served in the United States Army for 23 years. David worked at Westover Reserve Base as an Air Reserve Technician (ARC). He retired in 2003 as a Supply Technician. He was an avid skier and taught at Mount Tom and Butternut ski areas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He served on the Board of Trustees and was a State Council Representative. David was a member of the Westfield Sportsmen's Club where he served as a range officer. He was a volunteer Honor Guard at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Calling hours were held on Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, Holyoke from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM with a family service to begin at 12:30 PM. The committal service with United States Air Force Honors was held privately in the Chapel of the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of David to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.



**WILLIAM M. "Billy" KENDRICKEN** - Died Saturday, June 17, 2023 at home in Roslindale, Massachusetts at the age of 73, from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 15, 1949. Billy was the beloved husband of 50 years to Janice E. (née Koschen) Kendrick, father of Jo Ann of Chicago, John and Kim of West Roxbury, Liz and partner Brian Donovan of Roslindale, and Mary Kate Kasper of Jamaica Plain. He was the adoring grandfather to Finn and Audrey. Billy grew up in Hyde Park, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837**. He a dedicated patrolman for 32 years in the Boston Police Department. He furthered his education at UMass Boston with a Bachelor's in Criminology and Anna Maria College with a Master's in Criminal Justice. He loved spending time at Newfound Lake in Bristol, NH with his family and beloved Beach Buddies. Relatives and friends were kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre Street, West Roxbury on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM. A service was held in the funeral home on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: Compassionate Care ALS ([ccals.org](http://ccals.org)), ALS Massachusetts ([als.org/Massachusetts](http://als.org/Massachusetts)), Paralyzed Veterans of America ([pva.org](http://pva.org)). For directions or to leave a condolence message for the family, please visit [gormleyfuneral.com](http://gormleyfuneral.com).

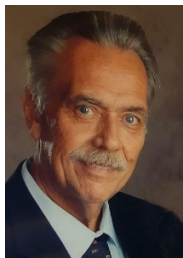
**LARRY KING** – Died Wednesday, September 27, 2023 in Algonac, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 28, 1948. He served

in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**.



**DR. ROBERT F. KIRK** – Died Friday, September 15, 2023 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 80, following a brief illness. He was a resident of Livingston, Texas. The cause of death was COVID-19. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 27, 1943. Dr. Kirk is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Vicki Kirk, his two sons, Dr. Timothy Kirk and daughter-in-law, Cathie Kirk and Mr. Mark Kirk and daughter-in-law, Dr. Erin Kirk, as well as his cherished grandchildren: Carissa, William, Audrey and Leland Kirk. He also leaves behind his two Wire Fox Terriers, Boomer and Sooner. A distinguished United States Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War, Dr. Kirk valiantly completed 197 combat missions while piloting the F-4 Phantom. Following his dedicated service in Vietnam, he continued to serve his nation, piloting the C-141 transport plane in Southeast Asia. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista (Arizona) Chapter #1093**. Upon fulfilling his patriotic duty, Dr. Kirk pursued higher education, earning a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Oklahoma. His commitment to the field of education spanned over four decades, where he imparted knowledge at the Middle School, High School, and University levels. Dr. Kirk's exceptional teaching abilities earned him numerous accolades, including recognition as an Apple Distinguished Educator and Hesperia Unified's Teacher of the Year. In retirement, he continued his dedication to education by serving on the Hesperia Unified School District Board of Trustees, contributing significantly to shaping the district's future vision. Dr. Kirk's passion for learning extended beyond the classroom. He held a private pilot's license and was a certified flight instructor with a commercial pilot rating. He and Vicki owned their aircraft, embarking on many memorable journeys throughout the US. Remarkably, Dr. Kirk pursued theological studies and enrolled in Seminary at the age of 79. An active Deacon at Tucson Mountain Baptist Church, he dedicated his time to the Food Room and Homeless ministries, in addition to teaching an adult Sunday School Class. Dr. Kirk's unwavering faith and devotion to Christ provide his family solace, knowing that he now resides in Heaven with our Lord and Savior. A service in memory of Dr. Kirk took place on October 16, 2023 at East Lawn Palms Mortuary, followed by the burial with military honors at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested that donations be made to the Warrior Healing Center at 1838 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.





**KENNETH R. "Ken" KLINGELE** - Died Sunday, October 29, 2023 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong Staten Islander, Kenneth was born and raised in Stapleton, New York on August 4, 1948 and resided in Westerleigh, New York for the last 40 years. Kenneth was the beloved son of the late Albert Klingele, Sr. and Lillian (née Walz) Klingele, brother to Albert Jr. (Barbara) and the late Edward (Rosemarie) Klingele, and cousin to Carol Rooney. He was a graduate of Curtis High School and attended the College of Staten Island. Kenneth was a United States Army Veteran, who served in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, while assigned in Vietnam (1968–1969). After his discharge from the Army, Kenneth was employed as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service. He then went on to work for the MTA New York City Transit, where he retired after 20 years as a Subway Surface Supervisor. Kenneth dedicated his time to service. He was a devoted volunteer with Meals on Wheels for 16 years and was awarded The President's Volunteer Service Award in 2011. Kenneth also served his fellow Veterans through participation in military associations. He was a member of the American Legion Gold Star Post, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2159, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. In his free time, Kenneth enjoyed traveling the country with family and friends, including many exciting trips to Atlantic City, NJ. He was an avid sports fan, with his favorite being NASCAR. Kenneth is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth (Mazzaraco) and his daughters, Karen Klingele (Jacob Alldredge), Laurie Klingele, and Theresa Umana (Rafael). He was a loving Poppa to Lillian and Maxwell Alldredge and Grayson and Wyatt Umana, as well as a dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in honor of his memory to: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #421, PO Box 100097, Staten Island, NY 10310. Family and friends visited the Matthew Funeral Home on Thursday November 2, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 PM and again on Friday November 3, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church on Staten Island at 9:45 AM. The burial was at the Moravian Cemetery.



**HARVEY JAMES KLOOS** - Died Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in Canyonville, Oregon at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 27, 1942. Harvey served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Gunners Mate aboard the USS Mahon and USS Maddox. He was an avid supporter and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg Chapter 805**. After leaving the service, Harvey met and married Jean Shea. They enjoyed 40 years of marriage together; traveling and cruising to many places. Harvey also enjoyed fishing. Harvey is survived by his wife Jean Kloos; daughter, Elizabeth of Cleveland; brothers, Don and Ed Kloos of St. Louis; and sister, Donna Close of



Phoenix. He will be remembered by his numerous beloved grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who he was close too. Funeral services were held at the Vine Street Baptist Church in Roseburg on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The burial was at the Roseburg National Cemetery with Military Honors at 1:00 PM.



**JOHN KRAW** – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in Warren, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on January 8, 1948 in Newark, New Jersey before moving to Brooklyn, NY where he formed his sharp wit delivered with a devilish grin. John grew up in Union, NJ, the son of the late Silvia and Stanley Kraw and brother to Stanley and Michael (deceased), uncle to his beautiful and loved niece Colleen. John proudly served our country in the United States Army as a Sergeant who was wounded in Vietnam. Although he never discussed the war, we learned he carried the shrapnel in his abdomen throughout his life. Never one to complain, he told no one until an MRI detected the metal much to the shocked surprise of the hospital staff! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manville Chapter #452**. John especially loved his family. He enjoyed his travels to California and Italy with the love of his life, Karen (née Lambo). They enjoyed life together for the past 45 years, through all of the ups and downs, though the time passed with the blink of an eye. Their marriage was amazing and beautiful to witness! John was the most patient, loving and caring husband anyone could ask for, and Karen fought John's battle with pancreatic cancer as only a fierce wife could; loving him, caring for him and devoting her every minute to his needs during his illness. More than anything, the light of John's eye was upon his daughter Lyndsay Kraw Marini, wife of Michael Marini. Lyndsay and John shared a love of the Devil's hockey team – even in losing seasons discussing players and trades and the new members of the team! John's love and pride in Lyndsay was only enhanced by the birth his granddaughter Raelynn Sessa Marini in June of this year. John was able to enjoy his last month's holding this amazing blessing while she smiled and "talked" to him. Raelynn brought comfort to John through his most difficult journey. John also enjoyed spoiling his pet grandrabbit Smidgen with bunny treats! John loved the annual extended family trips to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with all the chaos and craziness a large family vacation can create! Think the Griswolds. He enjoyed the time spent with his brother from another mother Art and his special "niece" Michele (D'Onofrio) Margeotes who cherished John as the family rock, sage and wizened big brother despite his complaints about her road trips. Who knew John would love sculpture, buying cases of eggs in a pandemic, but not the two-hour drive to view Christmas lights! He will be missed by his "nephews" Marc Della Volpe, Jason Della Volpe, Jack Della Volpe and Matthew Della Volpe along with Becca his wife, who knew John was always there for them. John will be missed by many, his sister-in-law, Elaine D'Onofrio, who loved him dearly. Angelo, Elaine's late husband will greet him warmly as they kibbitz together once again. He will be missed by Kenneth D'Onofrio and his wife, Bonnie as well as their children, Jessica, Jaime, Erica and Alyssa, Richard D'Onofrio and his children Richard Jr and Isabella, especially on Christmas Eve when all shared the joy of the obnoxious Santa Bag! We will

miss you and toast you as we see the empty chair at the dinner table, a chair that cannot be filled. A contractor by trade as owner of John Kraw Construction, John was a workaholic with an unbelievable work ethic who viewed providing for his family as a calling. He was meticulous in his work which was a source of great pride. John worked side by side with Carlos who he loved like a son. John was generous with his time and his family, honest in his opinions, fair in his judgments, stoic in adversity. He could be counted on. John was always a phone call away whenever anyone needed him. He was loved dearly and will be missed even more. Godspeed John until we meet again. Your love lives on in us.



**GEORGE LEON KYLE** – Died Sunday, July 2, 2023 at his residence in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1945 in Gilmer County, Georgia to the late Wilburn Sherman Kyle and Bertha Ann (née Holloway) Kyle. George embraced life with a warmth and humility that won him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. George bravely served his country as a veteran of the United States Army before embarking on a fulfilling career at the Maytag Corporation. Throughout it, George became known for his kind, friendly character and his infectious sense of humor that brightened the workplace. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. Outside work, George had a robust love for life which he manifested in various interests. He enjoyed bowling, golf, and fishing. George also found solace in the simple joy of planting flowers. George was preceded in death by his father Wilburn Sherman Kyle, mother Bertha Ann Holloway, first wife Jo Ann Kyle, and eight siblings. He is fondly remembered and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Sara, brother Benny Kyle and wife Debbie, stepchildren Andy Woody (Liz), Chuck Carroll (Stacia), Kenneth Carroll, granddaughter Nadia Carroll, along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. His departure leaves a vacuum, but his memories remain our cherished companions. His family received friends from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at East Side Church of Christ and on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM at the church. A celebration of George's life was held at 1:30 PM on Friday at the church with Jeff Archey and Bill Maynard co-officiating. He was laid to rest following the service at Epperson Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Monroe County. The Companion Funeral and Cremation Service and the Cody family were honored to assist the Kyle family with these arrangements.



**JAMES CLYDE "Jim" LaPOINTE** - Died Tuesday, September 26, 2023 in his home in Port Saint Lucie, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Jim, as he was

known to many in the area, was born on May 31, 1947 in Germany where his father was stationed while serving in the United States Army. Jim and his family returned to the U.S. in 1958 and he graduated from high school right before enlisting in the United States Army in 1964 at the age of 17. The U.S. Army recognized Jim for his honorable service with a Bronze Star, specifically for his heroic action in the Vietnam War where he served as a Tunnel Rat in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. He was wounded in combat multiple times and received three Purple Heart awards. Additionally, he was awarded the Air medal, Army Commendation medal, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Unit Citation and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal. As a highly decorated war hero, Jim proudly marched in many parades and ceremonies with other veterans and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Sainte Lucie Chapter #566** and the VFW. He was a beloved father and treasured friend and will be deeply missed. His family has organized a memorial service to honor Jim's life and military service which was held at the South Florida National Cemetery on November 10, 2023 at 12:30 PM.



**JAMES MICHAEL “Jim” LINK** (USA, LTG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 12, 2023 in Brownsboro, Alabama at the age of 80, after a short illness with his loving wife, Judith by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in Columbus, Ohio on October 9, 1942 to the late Ralph and Rosemary Link. Jim was former president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, and he amassed considerable experience in technology and systems modernization gained during a long and distinguished military career. Prior to the post at Teledyne, he also served as senior vice president at SAIC, also in Huntsville, Alabama. Link held several command and staff positions while on active duty. He served as Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Materiel Command from 1998-2000. He also served as Chief of Staff prior to that. From 1994-97, he served as Commander of the U.S. Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and his stay was extended a year for the transition of the Aviation and Missile Command to Redstone. He was Deputy Commander, 21st Theater Army Area Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army from 1993-94. Moreover, Gen. Link has held various logistical, training and staff assignments, including command positions during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In Vietnam, he served as a Company Commander in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. He earned his undergraduate degree at Methodist College, and he completed graduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee, and he attended the Harvard University JFK School of Government in 1995. He received military education from the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His numerous affiliations have included the Huntsville Rotary Club, Association of the United States Army, National Defense Industrial Association, Army Space Missile Defense Association, Society of Logistics Engineers, Army Aviation Association of America, American Helicopter Society, Army Aviation Corridor of Excellence Executive Planning Board, and Huntsville Federal Agency Task Force. In addition, he gave his time, service and resources to a

number of local organizations and non-profits including, but not limited to, president of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Randolph School Board of Trustees, Burritt on the Mountain, Arts Huntsville, United Way of Madison County, and Huntsville Hospital Board of Trustees. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. For over 50 years, Jim was married to this beloved and devoted wife, Judith (née Hart) Link. They traveled the world with their beautiful and talented daughter, the late Carey A. Link. He was preceded in death by his infant son, Michael Andrew Link, his daughter Carey Anne Link, and his parents, Rosemary and Ralph Link. He is survived by his loving wife, Judith H. Link; his only sibling, Kathy Link Brinson (Julian) of North Carolina; and brothers-in-law, Donald Hart (Inna) of Virginia and Douglas Hart (Ann) of Maryland. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM at the Laughlin Service Funeral Home, with a Celebration of Life immediately following with Dr. Darryl Craft of Whitesburg Baptist Church officiating. His final resting place was in the Maple Hill Cemetery. Judith so appreciated the loving care Jim received at Huntsville Hospital and Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care during his short stay. Memorials may be made in his memory to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation's Hospice Family Care, 801 Clinton Avenue East, Huntsville, AL 35801.



**VINCENT M. LITTLE** – Died Friday, October 13, 2023 in New York City, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Vincent was born in the picturesque landscapes of Galway, Ireland on July 3, 1945, and it was there that he embarked on a life that would leave a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a man whose journey began in Galway, Ireland, and took him to the shores of the United States. In his early 20s, Vincent made the courageous decision to immigrate to the United States, where he eventually became a naturalized US citizen. His commitment to his new homeland was further evidenced by his two-year service in the United States Army, with a post in Vietnam, where he demonstrated his unwavering dedication to the principles he held dear. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. Upon his return, Vincent carved out a successful career working with ConEdison as an engineer, showcasing his exceptional intellect and dedication to his profession. However, it was not just his professional accomplishments that defined him; it was his warm and compassionate heart that endeared him to everyone he met. Vincent was known to be a true friend, always looking out for his neighbors and friends in Staten Island. His intelligence, wit, and charm made him a delightful presence in his local coffee shop, where he shared laughter and stories with all who crossed his path. His beloved dogs, Jack and Russell, were a constant source of joy in his life, and their presence illuminated his days. Vincent had a passion for country music and found solace in feeding the birds and squirrels around his home, nurturing the beauty of nature. His love for Ireland never waned, and in recent years, he had the opportunity to reconnect with his extended family there, strengthening the ties to his roots. In accordance with Vincent's wishes, his ashes were transported to Ireland, where they will rest alongside his father's grave in Toorena, Connemara, County Galway. A private family

service in Ireland was held at a later date to honor the life of a man who touched the hearts of many with his kindness, wisdom, and enduring friendship. Vincent Little leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and a deep connection to both the United States and his cherished homeland of Ireland. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



**LARRY EDWARD MACY** - Died at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at his home in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born on August 23, 1946 in Gary Indiana to the late Elza Willard and F. Pauline (née Gowdy) Macy. On April 29, 1978, in Macon, Georgia, he married Kittie (née Chance) Macy who preceded him in death. Larry attended Merrillville High School. He served in the United States Army on active duty from 1970 to 1978, then in the Army National Guard for 12 more years. Larry was a member of Local #697 IBEW for 30+ years. He also served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander at the American Legion Post #502 in 2011-2012, and he was Department of Indiana Sergeant-at-Arms from 2015-2016. He was also a member of the American Legion's 40-8 and held many offices in the organization. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. Larry is survived by his children, Paige (Kendall) Harris of Macon, GA, Randy (Ashley) Macy of Warner Robins, GA, and Greg Macy of Valparaiso, IN; brother, Roger (Sheree) Macy of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Pfeiffer (Harris)(Bryan) Bledsoe, and McCaleigh Harris; two nieces, Cheri (Taylor) Ruge (Jason), and Linda (Taylor) Lanter; and two nephews, Robbie Macy, and Chris Macy. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Kittie; child, Penni R. Porter; sister, Barbara (Taylor) Macy; and a grandchild, Amanda Porter. A funeral celebrating his life was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Graceland Cemetery Chapel, 1505 East Morthland Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana. A visitation and viewing was held from 1:00 PM until service time. Military honors were accorded following the funeral service. The Sunset Funeral Home in Evansville was in charge of the arrangements. Please send condolences to the family at [www.LakeviewFHC.com](http://www.LakeviewFHC.com).



**OWEN C. MARTIN** - Died Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at Saint Anthony Hospital in Warwick, New York at the age of 78. He was a resident of Highland Lakes, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on April 2, 1945 to the late Lester and Amelia (née Eaton) Martin. Owen grew up in Saddle Brook and raised his own family in Highland Lakes. He served his country honorably in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. Following his service in Vietnam, he graduated from the Newark College of Engineering (now NJIT). He then began his long career, initially with Holley and Johnson Architects in Wyckoff and later independently. Even well into his career, Owen embraced technology and was among the first to learn and adapt to CAD. Owen designed many complex corporate projects and was most proud of his significant

work on the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford NJ. In retirement, Owen contributed to the arch design at the Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery. He also co-owned Architectural Toys. Owen was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fly fishing with family and always a car buff. He will be missed for his sense of humor, among many other great qualities. Predeceased by his parents, Owen is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Lois (née Ehrenberg) Martin; son Eric and his wife, Katie Martin; daughter Nancy L. Martin; and grandchildren Evan, Noah, Aubree, and Emma Martin; as well as his beloved grand-dog, Miso. A visitation for Owen was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third Street, Sussex, NJ. A funeral service was held at 12:00 Noon at the funeral home. The burial was in the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery, or the Pequest Trout Hatchery <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/conservation/wildlife-habitat-supporter-program>. Online condolences may be offered through [fergusonfuneralhomesnj.com](https://fergusonfuneralhomesnj.com).



**RICHARD A. MARTIN** - Died Thursday, November 9, 2023 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. Richard was born on March 1, 1946 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He relocated to Staten Island in 1955. He attended Curtis High School and left prematurely at the age of 17 to join the United States Marine Corps. Richard defended our country by serving two tours in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1967 and married his High School "sweetheart" Camille in 1969. Richard worked as a communication technician for New York Telephone, Avaya, Lucent Technologies and Verizon. Before retiring in 2004, he was the lead communication technician on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. He devoted his time by joining the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421** as a *Life Member* of which he served as Vice President and President. Richard and his comrades at the Post have contributed greatly to all Veterans in New York. He enjoyed spending time with his eleven grandchildren. Richard was also a baseball and football fan who followed the N.Y. Yankees and Washington Redskins. He also enjoyed playing golf with his close friends at Silver Lake Park on Staten Island. Richard leaves behind his loving wife of 54 years Camille, his three sons Richard, Damien, Dustin and his daughter Deana. A visitation for Richard was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Harmon Funeral Home, 571 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America.



**RODGER G. "Rod" MARTIN** - Died Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at The Laurels of Defiance, Ohio at the age of 78. He was a resident of Defiance. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Defiance on May 29, 1945 to the late Gerald and Elizabeth (née Rea)



Martin. Rod was a 1963 graduate of Ayersville Local High School where he was a member of the 1961 State Championship Basketball Team. He also earned a graduate degree in Banking in 1978 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He proudly served his country as a Veteran of the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 serving a year in Vietnam. He earned the coveted Army Commendation Medal of Honor. On December 24, 1965, he married Mary K. Applegate who survives. Rod was a member of the Ayersville United Methodist Church. He began his banking career with the State Bank in 1965 where he worked for fifty years until his retirement in 2015 as an Executive Vice President. He then continued as a member of their Advisory Board for another four years. His memberships include the Ayersville Athletic Boosters, Lions Club, Elks Club, Eagles Club and VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. He also was a founding member of the Defiance College Purple and Gold Club as well as a former member of the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce where he was a recipient of the Michael L. Schultz Leadership Award in 2015. He also was a past member of the Defiance Area Foundation serving on the Grants Committee. Rod served two, four-year terms on the Ayersville Local School Board of Education serving as President in two different years. He also served on the Good Samaritan School Board for twelve years serving as President four different years. In addition to his wife, Mary, Rod is survived by his three sons, Bill (Donna) Martin; Denny (Sheila) Martin and Jeff (Jenni) Martin. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren, Kevin (Mandi) Martin; Hillary (Tom) Zumbrun; Austin (Courtney) Martin; Thomas Martin; Kaleigh (Casey) Cox; Brayton (Brooke) Martin; Ryan (fiancé Courtney) Martin; K.J. Martin; Kortni Martin; Korbyn Martin; and Kaylor Martin. In addition, ten great-grandchildren, Serafina, Jamey, Nolan, and Griffin Martin; Tanner Rea and Cooper Cox; Asher and Carson Martin, and Braxton McBride; Hayes Lechleidner; with three more greats due in 2024. He leaves his sister, Sue Goldenetz; and brothers, David; Richard (Ginny); Carl (Linda) as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Tanner Michael Martin; sister, Marjorie Whetstone; brother, Jim Martin; sisters-in-law Sue Martin and Barbara Martin; and a brother-in-law, Robert Goldenetz. Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM at the Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Ayersville Community Church with one hour of visitation at the church prior. Rod's brother, Reverend Carl Martin and Pastor Jason Vandemark were co-officiants. The burial was at the Ayersville Cemetery, with military honors provided by VFW Post #3360. The pallbearers were his grandsons, Kevin Martin; Austin Martin; Brayton Martin; K. J. Martin; Ryan Martin; Casey Cox; Tom Zumbrun, and the Honorary Pallbearer was his grandson, Thomas Martin. Memorials were suggested to the Defiance Area Foundation, Kaitlyn's Cottage, or Ayersville Athletic Boosters.



**HOWARD MICHAEL “Mike” McClain** - Died Friday, October 17, 2023 at home in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio at the age of 78 with his family by his side. The cause of death was cancer.

He was born on January 8, 1945 in Ashland, Ohio to the late Howard Vincent and Betty L. (née McCrary) McClain. Howard graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in the class of 1964. He was a police officer for 2 years and then was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He served in Vietnam where he earned the three-star bronze medal, and the purple heart. He returned back home and returned to the police work where he worked for a total of 31 years on the police force. After retiring he worked as a Security Officer at Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. He was there for 13 years. He finally retired. He loved working with his brother at the Falls Hardware Store on the weekends, in Cuyahoga Falls. Howard, known as "Mike", is survived by his wife of 53 and a half years together, Sharon (née Wheeler) McClain. They met while they both were in the military. They were married on May 2, 1970. They had 2 children, the late Thomas and daughter, Michelle McClain. The pride and joy, a grandson, Johnathon McClain, known as "J.T.". Howard is survived by his brother John his wife Kathleen their daughter Kristina McClain; late sister, Cheryl McClain, sisters-in-law, Karen Wheeler of Orange, VA, Pat Atherton (Allen) of SC, Rosanne Flint (Jim) of Oxford, MA; brothers-in-law, Warren Wheeler (Marie) of SC, William Wheeler (Barbra) of Leominster, MA, John Wheeler (Valarie) of Warwick, RI, Brian Wheeler (Claudine) of Baldwinville, MA; and many cousins. Howard (Mike) served his community well. He served as the 14<sup>th</sup> District Commander of the American Legion in 2008-2009 and 2016-2017, is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> District, Commander of the American Legion Post #281 of Cuyahoga Falls Charles Faust Post. Howard received an Honorary Member of the 40 and 8 after serving as the Grande d'Ohio Correspondent for over 10 years, a life member of the La Société Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux 40 and 8 Grande Voiture Locale No. 468 Grand Voiture Du Ohio, life member of the American Legion Charles Faust Post #281 of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, VFW life member Post #3294, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717*, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio Star Lodge No. 187 of Cuyahoga Falls, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Member. Chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police of Cuyahoga Falls. Howard loved people and enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing. Most of all he loved his family and the pride and joy his grandson JT. One of the things he said during his life is "I WANT TO BE A FRIEND TO ALL, ENEMY TO NONE. There was a visitation on Sunday October 22, 2023 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the Clifford Shoemaker Funeral Home, 1930 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. A funeral service was also at the Clifford Shoemaker Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 23, 2023 with a burial immediately following at the Chestnut Hill Memorial Park, 2613 Sackett Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

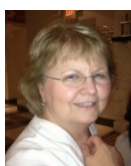


**MACK ANDREW McCRAY** – Died Friday, April 28, 2023 in Harvest, Alabama at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Huntsville Chapter #1067*. Visitation was held on Friday, May 5, 2023 from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Serenity Funeral Home, 2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Alabama. The funeral service was held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 7000

Adventist Boulevard NW, Huntsville, AL.



**STUART A. "Stu" McDIARMID** - Died Wednesday, November 29, 2023 peacefully at home in Woodhaven, Michigan at the age of 75, surrounded by family and Trooper. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 6, 1948. He was an all caring and loving husband of Linda McDiarmid for 40 wonderful years; loving father of Scott (Andra) McDiarmid, Phillip (Monica) McDiarmid, Charlie (Cori) McDiarmid and Ryan (Jennifer) Williams, and; proud Pop-pop of Rachael (Juan) Gordillo, Jeremy Burks, CJ (Shelby) McDiarmid, Jordan McDiarmid, Noah McDiarmid and Max McDiarmid. Stu proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Second Squadron First US Calvary Regiment of Dragoons. He served in Vietnam and was awarded two purple hearts. Memorial contributions in honor of Stu will be donated to Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259**.



**MARY K. "Sissy" MEGRATH** - Died Sunday, April 10, 2022 in Rutland, Vermont at the age of 70, after a long battle with Parkinson's. She was born in Rutland on May 1, 1951. Mary graduated from West Rutland high school in 1969. She worked at RRMCMC for most of her career. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. She is survived by her husband, Adrian (Andy) Megrath, her daughter Nina Duggento, son-in-law Andrew Duggento and their children Kyra and Brayden, her siblings with their spouses, Elaine and Paul Carlson, Mark and Kathy Krakowka, Marlene and Steve Bruno, their children Paul (PJ), Jenna, Kasie, Kristen, Jacqueline, and Robert, as well as multiple Aunt's, Uncle's, and cousins. Viewing for her family took place at Aldous funeral home in Rutland. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Mary's name to The Michael J Fox foundation for Parkinson's Research.



**RICHARD W. MICHAELS, SR.** - Died Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1949 in Johnstown to the late George and Betty (née Frampton) Michaels. Preceded in death by parents, sister Deborah Morgart, brother William, daughter Tammy Michaels. Survived by wife Jean (Johns), daughter Richelle (Casey) Wentz Johnstown, sons Richard W. (Jess) Johnstown, Christopher, Delaware, step-children Tony Jr. (Tawnya), Kenneth Jr. (Ashley), David, Jennifer

(Antonio), Andrea (David) Tina and Shelia all of Johnstown. Also 31 grandchildren and 11 great-children; brother, Mark Michaels; sister, Gwen Oakley married to Russ; and by special friend Claudia Plows (Salix). Richard enjoyed family dinners with his family, attending baseball games at D street ballfield and Johnstown Tomahawks hockey games. Richard was an avid Steeler and Penguin fan. He was also a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Scalp Ave and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364*. He attended Johnstown High School and served with the United States Army 1969. Family received friends on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the Moskal and Kennedy Colonial Funeral Home of Johnstown, where a time of sharing was followed after the visitation. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society in memorial of Rich. [www.kennedycarefh.com](http://www.kennedycarefh.com).



**DEBRA ANN “Debbie” MILLER** – Died Friday, October 27, 2023 in Salem Hospital in Salem, Oregon at the age of 65 following a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 24, 1958 in Denver, Colorado to the late Robert and Rose Haviland. She was the oldest of five children. In 1964 they moved to Oregon living in Milwaukie, Colton, Molalla, Woodburn, Silverton, and Shaw before coming to Salem. She went to school in Woodburn, Colton, and Silverton, graduating from Cascade High school in 1977. She then attended Chemeketa community college and graduated with a degree in Secretarial Studies. She married Ken on September 10, 1983 at Saint Mary Catholic Church on Shaw. Together for 40 years they did a lot; traveled a lot, helped a lot and lived a very full life. She stayed busy with her activities including crocheting over 100 blankets and scarves for the veterans and their families. Debra took an enormous amount of pride in doing this. All in all, despite having an eyesight issue, she made sure to help out whenever and wherever she could. To an extremely great many people she was special. Her interests were traveling, hiking, bowling (winning numerous awards), occasional gambling, volunteering, family as much as she could, getting involved wherever she went, lots of sports inside and out, and frequently adventuring the coast and mountains. Debra will be sorely missed. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Portland Chapter #392*. She was survived by her husband Ken; brothers Randy of Hillsboro and Darrell & Scott of Salem; Father and Mother-In-Law Robert and Gisela Haviland of Beaverton; Aunt Carolyn Haviland of Tualatin; Step-sister Sandy Dow of Beaverton, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins in Oregon, California, and Colorado. Services were held at the Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home on November 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM, with a burial at Saint Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Shaw. Donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #392 at Portland Metro, 7600 SE Johnson Creek Boulevard, Portland, OR 97206. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.vtgolden.com](http://www.vtgolden.com) for the Miller family.



**JAMES GREGORY MOONEY** – Died Tuesday, October 25, 2022 in Newport, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania on September 19, 1948 to the late William Mooney and Irene (née Wise) Mooney-Gingery. He was a 1967 graduate of Westinghouse Memorial High School in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. James enlisted in the United States Army serving his country honorably during the Vietnam War. On August 21, 1971 in North Versailles Township, Pennsylvania, James married the former Esther Louise Lewis. The couple was blessed with two children. They moved to Michigan in the late 1970's. James took employment at the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Power Plant working as an inspector for twelve years. James found his true passion in life as a radio advertising representative. For ten years he was employed by Tower 98 in Monroe. He later spent an additional ten years in the same capacity at WLEN in Adrian. In this capacity, Jim loved interacting with customers creating friendships and helping them to write their commercials. James was very proud of his military service and being a Vietnam Veteran. He appreciated his responsibility of serving fellow veterans being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**, where he had held several offices. Jim was extremely active with "Thank a Vet". His work at the radio station helped to support fundraising with this organization, providing homeless veterans a place to stay. James was a huge fan of the drum and bugle corps. He worked with the Jefferson Marching Band for five years and served the community as a member of the Jefferson School Board. He enjoyed filling his time with old black and white cowboy movies, fishing, and photography. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan. More than anything, James enjoyed the presence of family and especially his granddaughter: Tessa Reann. His passing was preceded by his parents; a stepfather: Curt Gingery; a son: Michael David Mooney; a brother: William "Bill" Mooney; and a sister: Marlene Mooney. To cherish his memory, he leaves a beloved wife of fifty-one years: Esther Louise Mooney, of Newport; a daughter: Nicole Mooney of Monroe; a sister: Elaine (Bill) Allen of East McKeesport, Pennsylvania; and one granddaughter: Tessa Reann Mooney of Monroe. Friends gathered from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday; November 1, 2022 at the Merkle Funeral Service, North Monroe; 2442 North Monroe Street, Monroe, Michigan. A Celebration of his Life was held on Wednesday; November 2, 2022 also at Merkles with Pastor Louie Barnett, of Bethany Eagles Nest Church officiating. A procession followed to Roselawn Memorial Park in LaSalle for burial where graveside services were under the auspices of Monroe Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1138. For those who desire memorials are suggested to "Thank a Vet in Adrian". Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting [www.merklefs.com](http://www.merklefs.com).





**RAFAEL MORALES** – Died Friday morning, June 16, 2023 in Miami, Florida at the age of 77, surrounded by his wife, Elcira (née Chomat) Morales; his daughter, Elcira Ana Morales Gonzalez; and his son, Alberto Juan (AJ) Morales. The cause of death was cancer. Rafael was born on November 25, 1945 in Havana, Cuba. In 1961, at the age of 14, he and his twin sister were sent to the United States as part of the Pedro Pan Operation. He lived in Aurora, Colorado, and was reunited with his Parents in Denver a year and a half later. After high school, he moved to New York City where he met his wife of 53 years. They moved to Miami, FL, in 1972 and raised two children. Rafael was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, a proud patriot of Cuba and the United States, a lover of freedom and democracy, and a devout Catholic. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**.



**JOSEPH EVERETT "Joe" MORGANTO** (USAF, Lt.Col.-Ret.) – Died Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Arbor Terrace Exton in Exton, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. He was a resident of Exton. The cause of death was dementia. He was born in Everett, Massachusetts on September 23, 1942 the first child of the late Everett and Helen (née Keefe) Morganto. Joe was raised in Everett, MA, graduating from Malden Catholic High School in 1960 and Salem State College in 1966, with a BA in Mathematics. The following year, Joe volunteered for the United States Air Force, using his math skills in service to our country. That service would continue throughout the rest of his life. He traveled the world with the Air Force, living in Alaska, Nebraska, Texas, Virginia, Germany, and other places he couldn't disclose. While earning numerous awards and commendations, he completed an MBA from the University of Wyoming, class of 1976. He chose to retire as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1987 but was immediately hired by GE Military and Data Systems Operations, managing the integration of government computer systems to support the military. Joe loved a challenge, resolving the crises of one project before moving on to the next project that needed his skills. He continued to earn accolades and awards from his government customers as well as GE/Lockheed Martin/The SI- the company changed names, but his work continued. Though he traveled extensively and joked about his Marriott second family, he loved bragging about his kids, lauding his daughter's culinary skills or his son's gift for computers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. Joe retired from the SI in 2012, quickly transitioning to a serious hobbyist. He was soon kayak fishing, researching his genealogy, attending the Lifelong Learning courses at Immaculata University, or meeting with his veteran friends each week. He was thrilled to have his son attend college in Boston, giving him an excuse to visit the city he loved most. When his daughter returned to the area, he became a regular at the Black Forest Brewery, enjoying his weekly burger with his best friend, Doc Irv. In 2021, Joe took a fall and suffered a traumatic brain injury, which led to his move



to Arbor Terrace Exton. Though in care for cognitive impairment, he rapidly took charge of the activities, and the paid staff accepted that they all 'worked for Joe.' His family is endlessly grateful for the care and respect the Arbor Terrace staff provided for Joe, allowing him to remain engaged and active until his last day. Joe was the beloved husband of Ruth (née) Morganto for 33 years, and the proud father of Helen (Morganto) Harter and her husband Reese of Lancaster PA, and Michael Morganto of Cambridge MA. He is also survived by his grandson, Everett J. Harter. Joe was predeceased by his adored sister Ann (Morganto) Pellegrino, wife of Joe Pellegrino. He is survived by his siblings, John Morganto and his wife Vicki, Steve Morganto and Cheryl Marazzi, and Mary Holland and her husband Jerry, his mother-in-law Mary Jo Schlomann, and his sister-in-law Vicki Schlomann Schmanske and her husband Brian. He is also survived by his cherished nieces and nephews. Joe's memorial service was held at the Central Presbyterian Church, 100 West Uwchlan Avenue, Downingtown at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The family received guests from 9:00-10:00 AM at the church, as well as on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30–8:00 PM at the Uwchlan Meeting House, 5 North Village Avenue. Exton, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's name to the Dementia Society of America.



**RICHARD J. MOTT** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, October 30, 2023 at The Laurels of Athens, Ohio at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 25, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Frank Mottl and Vlasta (née Cerny) Mottl. A 1957 graduate of John Adams High School in Cleveland, he received his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and his master's degree from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He served in the United States Army for 25 years retiring in 1987. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor. He was the Professor of Military Science with Reserve Officer's Training Corps at Ohio University (the same program he completed for his bachelor's degree at OU and received his Army commission). After his retirement from the Army, he was employed at Pico Sales for several years. He and his late wife enjoyed their family, golf, tennis and ocean cruising. Richard enjoyed the Athens area and was involved in the community, serving on the Athens County Board of Elections, a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Athens and the First United Methodist Church of Athens. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #100**. He is survived by two daughters, Julie Bartlett and her companion Keith of Albany and Rebecca (Charlie) Meyer of Hudson; three grandchildren, Anthony (Mercedes) Matheny, Annie Meyer and Abby Meyer; two great grandchildren, Ethan Matheny and Eli Matheny. Besides his parents he is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Ann (née Jaskulski) Mottl in 2011. At Richard's request there were no services. He and his late wife's ashes were placed in the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to OhioHealth Home Care and Hospice, 444 West Union Street, Suite C, Athens, OH 45701. The arrangements were made with Jagers and Sons Funeral Home, Athens. Please share a memory, a note of condolence or sign the online register at [www.jagersfuneralhome.com](http://www.jagersfuneralhome.com).



**HARRY MULLER** - Died Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York at the age of 80. He was a lifetime resident of Sparrowbush, New York. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on May 4, 1943 on the Wilson Farm in Sparrowbush to the late Nicholas Muller, Jr. and the late Marie T. (née Damberger) Muller. Harry proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division surviving the TET Offensive and earning the coveted Bronze Star. Following his return from Vietnam Harry married Arlene D. "Tiny" Hoover on August 24, 1968 in the Sparrowbush United Methodist Church, Sparrowbush, NY and they were married for 28 years prior to her passing on May 6, 1997. Harry worked as a Brick Layer for the Brick Layers & Allied Craftsmen Local #5 of New York. He was a member and past Commander of the Roosa Fleming VFW Post #161 Port Jervis and a Life Member and Past Captain of the Sparrowbush Fire Dept., Sparrowbush, NY. Harry was a life member of the Red Rock Hunting Club in Sparrowbush, NY. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140*. A family statement read: Harry was a loving father and devoted husband always giving back to his community and fought for his country. The most honest man you would ever meet. His grandchildren meant the world to him. He loved all his family and friends and was a man among men. He has gone on to be reunited with the love of his life, Tiny, his eternal wife. He will be missed! Surviving are: daughter, Corinna Huelbig and her husband, Gregory of Tafton, PA; son, Mark Muller and his wife, Adrienne of Sparrowbush, NY; sister, Ellen Pentland, of Mineral, VA; brother, Michael Muller and his wife, Patricia of Sparrowbush, NY; sister-in-law, Marilyn Muller, of Sparrowbush, NY; three grandchildren, Joseph Loyacono, Keaton Muller and Nicholas Muller, and; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters, Rosemarie Baker Albano and her husband, Lou Albano and Amelia "Molly" T. Aumick; two brothers, Nicholas "Joe" Muller III and Kenneth Muller; four brothers-in-law: Robert "Bob" Pentland, William Aumick, Alfred Hoover and Donald Baker, and; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Muller and Starlene Morgan and her husband Orville. A visitation was held at the Gray-Parker Funeral Home, Inc., 00 East Main Street, Port Jervis, New York on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 4:00–7:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM from the Gray-Parker Funeral Home, Inc., 100 East Main Street, Port Jervis with Pastor Amy Garrett officiating. The burial with Military Honors was held at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Sparrowbush, NY. Harry was one of the founders of the Deerpark Veterans Memorial in Sparrowbush, NY where donations can be made in his memory and payable and mailed to The Town of Deerpark, PO Box 621, Huguenot, NY 12746. Please note in the memo Harry Muller. The funeral arrangements were made by the Gray-Parker Funeral Home, 100 East Main Street, Port Jervis. To read the obituary on line or to send a condolence note to the family visit [www.grayparkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayparkerfuneralhome.com).

**RANDALL E. NEWTON** – Died Friday, October 27, 2023 in Anthon, Iowa at the age of 74. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Chillicothe, Missouri on December 4, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 and served a one-year tour of duty in

Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**.

**DAVID LEONARD NEY** - Died Tuesday, October 17, 2023 in Peoria, Arizona at the age of 79. He was formerly of Phoenix, Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 11, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor (Michigan) Chapter #310**. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.neptunesociety.com/location/phoenix-cremation](http://www.neptunesociety.com/location/phoenix-cremation) for the Ney family.



**JOSEPH THEODORE "Joe" NOVAK, SR.** - Died Wednesday, July 26, 2023 in his Harrisburg, Pennsylvania home at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Steelton, Pennsylvania on May 22, 1951 to the late Phillip and Dorothy (née Novak) Horvat, Sr. "Joe" (Papa Joe) as he was affectionately known, was a lifelong Harrisburg area resident. Joe was raised in Steelton PA and entered the United States Marine Corps at the age of 16. During the 2 years of training, he certified as a Master Demo and upon his eighteenth birthday he volunteered to go to Vietnam. He served in Vietnam from 1968-1970. He received among others medals the Cross of Gallantry and two purple hearts, the last wounds were received from a rocket blast. He spent one year in Walter Reed Medical facility, much of that time in a full body cast. He was honorably discharge from the Marine Corps in 1971 and was transferred to the United States Marine Corps Reserves until 1974 when he separated due to a skin condition caused by Agent Orange. After his service he managed several automotive service centers, but due to PTSD he decided that it was better to work for himself. Thus, he opened a property maintenance company which he retired from in 2012. Joe was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542** where he served as SGT at Arms. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League, and Marine Riders. He supported Marine Corps Museum, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, and National Vietnam War Museum. He participated with Toys for Tots of Northern Dauphin County for over 20 years. He collected and delivered food to the Feed My Sheep Food Bank in Halifax, and Joe was instrumental with assisting many veterans' entry into the VA hospital. Joe was a member of "Blue Moon Cruisers" car club and in his free time he loved to restore cars. Joe also loved to hunt and fish. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Terry Cohee Novak, his son, Joseph "Joey" (Sarah) Novak, Jr. of Bryant, AL, and his stepson, Konstantine (Kristin) Panagakakis of Enola, PA; his daughters, Lalena (Pedro) Jimenez of Dauphin, PA, and Tiffany (Alvaro) Melendrez of Linglestown, PA; as well as grandchildren, Joseph "Joey" Novak III, Ezekiel and Esperanza Jimenez, Giovanni and Marcello Melendrez, and Sophia and Chloe Panagakakis. He is also survived by his brother, Phillip "Skip" Horvat of Middletown, PA, sisters, Yvonne (Tom) James of Lemoyne, PA, Connie Cross of Harrisburg, and step-sister, Bonnie Doyle of Enola, PA. He is enjoying a heavenly reunion with his parents, Phillip and Dorothy. A viewing for Joe was held at the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, 2100 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA on Friday, August 4, 2023 from 9:30-11:00 AM, with the memorial service beginning at 11:00 AM. The burial, with full military honors was

at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, in Annville, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the New Cumberland Marine Riders PA at 601 Ross Avenue, New Cumberland, PA, 17070, or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #542, care of <https://vva542.org/>.



**CHARLES P. PAINTER** - Died Wednesday November 15, 2023 in UPMC Chautauqua, New York at the age of 80. He was a resident of Jamestown, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 28, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Sidney and Virginia (née Vanderbeck) Painter. He served in the United States Navy from 1961-64. Prior to his retirement, he was a 36-year employee of Marlin Rockwell working as a machinist. He was a member of Jamestown Church of the Nazarene, American Legion Herman Kent Post #777, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**, AMVETS, North American Iroquois Veterans Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed singing with the Viking Male Chorus, Jamestown Barbershop Chorus, playing instruments, being with family, and reading his Bible. Surviving is his wife Sharon (née Wright) Painter, whom he married March 1, 1969; three children David (Lisa) Painter of Jamestown, Melissa Painter of Toms River, NJ, and Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Painter of Carrollton, VA; three grandchildren Robert McKeever, Donovan Sanchez, and Nina Bellucci; great granddaughter Destiny McKeever and a brother Robert (Blanca) Painter of Lynchburg, VA. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Alice Mount and his brother, Sidney Painter. The funeral was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday in the Lind Funeral Home, where friends were received from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM on Sunday. A private committal service took place in Gerry Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Jamestown Church of the Nazarene, 405 Howard Avenue, Jamestown, NY 14701, or Herman Kent Post #777, 26 Jackson Avenue WE, Jamestown, NY 14701. You may leave words of condolence at [www.lindfuneralhome.com](http://www.lindfuneralhome.com).



**JOHN H. PAULDING, JR.** - Died Sunday, October 1, 2023 of Harleysville, Pennsylvania at the age of 79, of heart complications and COVID-19 at Grand View Hospital in Sellersville, Pennsylvania. He was the beloved husband of Deborah (née Pitts) Paulding. He was born on January 20, 1944 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to the late John H. and Mary (née Williamson) Paulding, Sr. John served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. John worked for 3M Corp for several years as well as several other companies before he retired. For many years, he had been an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. In addition to his VVA activities, he enjoyed fly fishing, watching his favorite sports teams the Phillies and Eagles, and college football. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed doing home improvements, working on jigsaw puzzles, and reading mystery novels. In addition to that, he loved to cook and had a great wine collection to go along with the meal. He enjoyed all sorts of music genres, especially the blues. He was active

in Lower Providence Presbyterian Church and will be missed by his family and friends. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Jay Paulding, his daughter Leiland Paulding Morton; his sister Catherine Ketchum, his brother Bob Paulding, and wife Marge, his nephew Ben; and three grandchildren. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his memorial service at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, 3050 Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA, where friends greeted the family from 10:00-11:00 AM. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Lymphoma Society at [www.lymphoma.org](http://www.lymphoma.org). Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.RLWilliamsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RLWilliamsFuneralHome.com).



**DON E. PICKERING** - Died Sunday, October 19, 2023 in Good Samaritan Hospice in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. He was a resident of Midland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 8, 1942 in East Liverpool, Ohio to the late L. F. "Red" and Helen (née Rodfong) Pickering. A graduate of Lincoln High School, he attended Otterbine University in Westerville, OH. A veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam, he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland Chapter #862**, VFW Post #8168 and the American Legion Post #481. He was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard and a former member of the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. He retired after 48 years of service in the family business at City Hardware. He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 51 years, Cheri (née Wingert) Pickering, son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Melissa Pickering, Sewickley, special daughter and her partner, Bobbie Schwartz and Ben Kosela, and 5 grandchildren; Brooks Pickering, Noah Schultz, Dante, Halonah and Allie Jean. He is also survived by Hokee, his walking partner and dog. Friends were received on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the First Presbyterian Church, 909 Virginia Avenue, Midland, where a service was conducted on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at which time the Beaver County Vietnam Vets Honor Guard performed the white rose ceremony and presented full military rights. A private interment took place in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA at a later date. "I am not a widow. I'm the wife to a husband with wings. All I want for him in heaven is to know how much I miss him. The best decision I've ever made in my life was to marry him; even death can't stop me from lovin' him." The Nixon Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

**FRANK PIPITONE** – Died Wednesday, August 23, 2023 in Hicksville, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 7, 1948. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitestone Chapter #32**. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen. Visitation was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Thomas F Dalton Funeral Home Hicksville, 47 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville, NY. A Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 11:15 AM at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 5 Fordham



Avenue, Hicksville, NY. The inurnment was held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at the Long Island National Cemetery.



**JOSEPH DEAN "Joe" PLACE** - Died on Thursday, November 2, 2023 in Bangor, Maine at the age of 81. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Joe was born in Elmira to the late Dean and Helen (née Calkins) Place. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Geraldine 'Jeri' (née Foster) Place, sons and daughter-in-law, Robert and Deborah Place of Newburg ME, and Scott Place of Elmira with his son Deven; brother and sister-in-law Alan and Donna Place of Bradenton FL. Joe served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964 then enlisted in the National Guard as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He was a member of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Horseheads Old Oak 364, Empire State Society - Sons of the American Revolution, Newtown Battle Chapter, The American Legion Horseheads Post #442, Sons of the Union Veterans Organization and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Joe retired from NYSEG after 33 years of service. He was also a big race fan and volunteered many hours at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival. Joe and his boys also volunteered delivering gifts for the Arctic League. Family always came first for Joe. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will forever be missed. A graveside service with military honors was held at a later date in Fitzsimmons Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the McInerney Funeral Home.



**ARTHUR WAYNE PRIMAS** (USA, CW4-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, October 24, 2023 in his hometown of Copperas Cove, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 12, 1947 in Doucette, Texas to loving parents. After graduating from Henry T. Scott High School in Woodville, Texas, Arthur devoted 38 years of his life to serving his country in the United States Army. During his long and distinguished military career, he reached the esteemed rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He displayed unwavering dedication and commitment while serving in numerous conflict areas like the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His selflessness and bravery will forever be remembered by those whose lives he touched and the soldiers he served with. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. Outside of his military service, Arthur had a deep passion for the outdoors. Hunting and fishing were not merely hobbies for him; they were sources of solace and tranquility. He cherished spending time immersed in nature's beauty and took great pleasure in teaching his loved ones about the wonders of the outdoors. Arthur was a kind-hearted family man who held close relationships with those he cherished most. He leaves behind a legacy that will be carried on by his wife Insuk Primas; sons, Charles Primas and Art Primas, Jr.; daughter, Elizabeth Primas; sisters, Shirley Chatham and Margaret K. Winfred; grandchildren, Eric Antoniou, Max Primas, and



Miles Primas. In moments of joy or sadness, laughter or tears – Arthur's unwavering support proved invaluable to those around him. He was a pillar of strength, an anchor in times of trouble, and a source of unwavering love. Arthur's presence filled the lives of his family and friends with immeasurable warmth and joy. The life of Arthur Wayne Primas came to an end due to a battle with cancer. Although he is no longer physically with us, his spirit will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him. His memory will be forever etched in our hearts, and the lessons he imparted will guide us through life's challenges. A visitation to honor Arthur's life was held on November 7, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Copperas Cove Location, 1614 S FM 116, Copperas Cove, TX. Following the visitation, a graveside service took place from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 TX-195, Killeen, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Arthur's honor to a cancer research organization of your choice. Michelle Reed, Arthur's other daughter, also lost her battle with cancer. By contributing to these organizations, we can work towards finding a cure for this devastating disease that took Arthur too soon. Arthur Wayne Primas was more than just a name; he was a compassionate soul who brightened everyone's lives. He may have left us physically, but his spirit lingers on in our memories and stories shared. Let us remember him with laughter and love as we celebrate the remarkable life he led.

**PATRICK J. "Pat" RAABE** – Died Sunday, June 18, 2023 at home in Branchville, New Jersey at the age of 75, after a short illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1948 to the late Howard S. Raabe, Sr. and Esther V. Raabe. Pat was a proud United States Navy Sea-Bees Veteran having served three tours of duty in Vietnam. Pat was an active member of the Branchville American Legion Post #157 and American Legion Riders. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. Pat spent many years as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. Pat was an avid motorcyclist and participated in many charities runs for veterans with his sweetheart Karen. Pat was the son of Howard S. Raabe, Sr. and Esther V. Raabe (both deceased). Pat's siblings are brother Johnny Bittman and Wife Linda of California, sister Virginia Hamer and husband Harry of Florida and brother Howard S. Raabe, Jr. of Connecticut. Pat was a loving partner to Karen Sherrer an amazing dad to his three daughters Heather Peck of Somers Point, NJ, Danielle Raabe of Branchville NJ, Michelle Raabe of California and a proud grandfather of five, Cole Giammanco, Jaden Meng, Keira Giammanco, Slade Muller and Dakota Cockerham. The service was held at the Veterans Cemetery on Route 94 Sparta, NJ at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 2, 2023. In lieu of flowers, Pat's last wishes were for donations to be made to either the American Legion Post #157 in Branchville or The ALR Riders of Post #157 of Branchville.



**RICK E. "Ricky" RAPERT** – Died Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Farmington, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1948. He was the loving father of Deana (Jason) Reimann and Jason (Kristen) Rapert; cherished grandfather of Brooke Reimann, Aidan Reimann and Westley Rapert; dearest brother of Gloria Jean (late Bob) Stoddard,

Roxanne (Bruce) Anderson and Keith (Dottie) Rapert; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin and friend to many. Ricky proudly served his country in the United States Navy and served the Saint Louis community as a police officer with the Jennings Police Department. He is gone...but never forgotten! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. The funeral service was held at Kutis South Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the J.B. National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donation's to Missouri National Veterans Memorial would be greatly appreciated and sent to 1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Perryville, Missouri 63775 or <https://mnvmfund.org/> . Visitation hours were held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM.



**CARL TRUMAN "Quickie" REECE** - Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Waynesville, North Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Carl was born on October 23, 1950 to the late Elbert and Bonnie (née Barnes) Reece. Carl served his country honorably in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a member of Balsam Baptist Missionary Baptist Church. He was a longtime member of VFW Post #5202, American Legion Post #47, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cullowhee Chapter #980**. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Lester, James, Jack, Homer, Charlie, Bill, Jim, and Frank Reece; and two sisters, Edna Mae Cagle and Doris Potts. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Linda Allen Reece; brother, Gene Reece of Balsam; and a loving extended family. Military Graveside Services for Carl were held at 3:00 PM on Friday, December 22, 2023 at Balsam Baptist Church Cemetery with the Reverend Greg Cullen officiating. Following the graveside service, the family gathered to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Garrett Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 581 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. The Garrett Funeral Home was in charge for caring for the family. A message of comfort may be left for the family at [www.garrettfuneralsandcremations.com](http://www.garrettfuneralsandcremations.com).



**LEONARD P. "Lenny" REINDL** - Died Thursday, September 28, 2023 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Leonard was born at Holy Family Hospital in Manitowoc on April 6, 1945 to the late Leonard J. and Delores C. (née Cisler) Reindl. Upon graduating from Lincoln High School in 1963, Lenny enlisted in the United States Army. After service in Okinawa and Vietnam as a paratrooper with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, he returned to the XVIII Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and was discharged from active duty in 1966. Lenny furthered his education and graduated from Silver Lake College in

1985 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He also earned an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Lakeshore Technical College in 1994. Lenny joined the Manitowoc Police Department in 1972 and retired with the rank of Lieutenant in 2001, after 29 years of service. He then worked part-time at Holy Family Memorial Care Van and Courier Services. Many important friendships were made along the way. He served on the Board of Directors for the Manitowoc Professional Police Association, the Wisconsin Professional Police Association for 18 years, and the RiverWood-Maritime Credit Union. In addition, Lenny was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #659 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Lenny was a devoted member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. He was honored to be involved with the church, especially the Men's Bible Study. On August 14, 1976, Lenny was united in marriage to Doris Baeckman at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Their marriage was filled with love, laughter, and wonderful memories with their family. They enjoyed traveling to various destinations, attending concerts and the theater, taking fun vacations with their children, and always being there to support one another. Sharing holiday celebrations and special events with extended family provided loving memories to all. It was especially important and fulfilling for Lenny and Doris to spend quality time through the years with their cherished grandsons. Whether it was attending their various sporting events, school concerts, or hearing about their fishing stories and next great adventures, those days were irreplaceable and always at the top of his list. For over 40 years, Lenny had lasting friendships which meant the world to him. Spending fun times with his neighbor Jack Svacina provided great memories. Lenny always knew that he could count on Jack. Also, Lenny's friendship with fellow MPD coworker Charles Rasmussen was so important to him. They always looked forward to their regular outings for good discussion, coffee and a coke. The special bond that he shared with the late Tom Weber was such an important part of his life. We truly believe they are together again. Lenny and his "Sweet Pea" Doris, both felt blessed to have had so many years together. On the day of Lenny's passing, he was at home, eating his favorite cereal "Cocoa Pebbles", sitting in his recliner drinking coffee, reading the comic strip "Pickles" and working his daily crossword puzzle. The family is comforted knowing that on that day, he wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else, as the Lord called him home. He is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Doris; children Scott Reindl of Two Rivers, Amy Baeckman of Cedarburg, and Doug (Jenny) Baeckman of Mequon; grandsons Evan (fiancée Madie) Baeckman and Spencer Baeckman; granddaughters Allison Gehr and Maddie (Will) Auchter. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Kathleen Harder, nieces, a nephew, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Delores Reindl, in-laws Leonard and Lorine Harder, brother-in-law David Harder, as well as his cherished friend and fellow officer, Tom Weber. Lenny was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed. His big heart, humble ways, and gentle presence were felt by all who knew him. Lenny led a life of service, always looking out for his family, friends, community, and country. Although he faced many health challenges over the years, his faith in God gave him the strength to consider each day a blessing. The family sincerely thanks Dr. Mark Herring. It was God's plan that you met Lenny over 30 years ago and have been there for him ever since. Your dedication to your profession is like no other. Ann, we appreciate all that you have done for us through the years. You are a wonderful nurse. Lenny considered both of you his friends. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the emergency personnel for their kindness and compassion shown to the family. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October

9, 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1712 Menasha Avenue in Manitowoc. Visitation was held at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of service. Military rites were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #731. The burial took place at Evergreen Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the church. On Sunday, October 8, 2023, the family greet family and friends at the Pfeffer Funeral Home on 928 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Manitowoc from 3:30 until 6:00 PM. The Lakeshore Family Funeral Homes, Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc location assisted the family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.lakeshorefamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakeshorefamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**JAMES LEO “Jimmy” RILEY, JR.** - Died Sunday, September 24, 2023 at a Fort Worth Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 78. He was a resident of Glen Rose, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 25, 1945. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Riley. He is survived by his wife Mary Gene Riley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn Patrice Stapleton and husband Jason, Shannan Kathleen Saunders and husband Kit; one son and daughter-in-law, Sean Patrick Riley and wife Heather; six grandchildren, Tyler and Treavor Smith, Sean, Dylan and Cory Riley and Brittney Drake; two great-grandchildren, Isla and Declan, and; dear family friends Sue and Robert Yandle. Jimmy was proud of the Riley name and legacy of Riley’s that will go on. He was a very honored Vietnam veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. He loved being outside, competitive shooting, photography, dancing, grilling, and always had a chore that needed to be done. He enjoyed his friends at the center and seemed to always look forward to the fried catfish...anywhere. The center is where he met his love, Mary. He loved watching her fuss around the house and in the yard tending to her wildlife, it seemed to give him peace and pleasure. He was always very proud of his children and grandchildren’s accomplishments. He beamed with love being around his big crazy family that gets bigger and bigger by the year – even if in his later years it was only in short bursts of time. We are all blessed to have called him ours for the time we had him. He was a damn good man. So many cherished memories spread throughout the globe to so many people. He will be greatly missed and deeply mourned. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday in the Chapel of Wiley Funeral Home in Glen Rose. Pastor John Turner officiated. The burial was in Georges Creek Cemetery in Nemo. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday evening also at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Tyler Smith, Treavor Smith, Kit Saunders, Jason Stapleton, Sean Riley, Dustin Drake and Dylan Riley.

**HENRY C. RILLING** (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, June 4, 2023 at home ins Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 87. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on October 9, 1935 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He had a great zest for life, adventure, and the people he knew. He continually said he was “living in God’s grace” and always expressed appreciation for his wife, daughter, family, friends, nature, mountains, sunsets, sea shells, dogs, and critters of every kind.

His skills, accomplishments, and experiences could fill several books and he accumulated 196 Gigabytes of photos that attest to an amazing life. He skied the world for 47 years, traveled extensively on educational/adventure trips in over 53 countries, scuba dove in 6 seas/oceans, built cars and bikes, hiked and explored innumerable times, read extensively with vast interests, and wrote persuasively for the United States Army, magazines, alumni publications, and his grandchildren. Additionally, nothing seemed impossible for him to build or fix. Lieutenant Colonel Rilling also loved serving his country for 28 years, being married to his wife 65 years, and being an inspirational father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sierra Vista Chapter #1093**. Along the way he collected a Bachelor's degree in Journalism, a Master's degree in Communications, 6 military awards including a Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit, but he would say that he was proudest of his high school track Gold and Silver medals. His family and friends are enriched by his life and miss him immeasurably. Doubtless his cup is now fuller than ever as he experiences being in the presence of the Lord, Who's creation he so thoroughly enjoyed. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday June 13, 2023 at the Hatfield Funeral Home, 830 South Highway 92, Sierra Vista Arizona. It was followed by a full military honors ceremony at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1300 South Buffalo Soldier Trail, Sierra Vista, Arizona at 12:00 Noon.



**JOHN MARTIN "Johnny" ROMERO** - aged 71, Died Wednesday, November 1, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 71. He was a resident of Fleming Island, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 9, 1952 in Brooklyn, New York to the late John Romero, Jr. and Lucy Romero. Johnny's journey in life was marked by dedication and service. He graduated from Chelsea Vocational High School in New York, New York, and went on to serve as an officer in the New York Police Department. He later retired from the United States Marine Corps as a correctional officer at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. Johnny was a loving husband to Peggy Romero, and together they were active members of Cross pointe Church in Fleming Island, Florida. In his leisure time, Johnny had a passion for a variety of interests. He enjoyed fishing, singing, and karaoke, which allowed him to share his joyful spirit with those around him. He loved to cook and took pleasure in preparing delicious meals for his loved ones. John enjoyed watching sports, especially the Florida Gators and Jacksonville Jaguars. Johnny will be remembered for his jovial personality, big smile, loving nature, and strong faith. He never met a stranger and made a lasting impression on everyone he met. John cherished his family and friends. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He took great pride in his Puerto Rican heritage, his time spent with the NYPD, and he was very proud of being a Marine. John loved listening to and performing music. He had a beautiful voice. He shared his voice each Sunday as a member of the Crosspointe Church Praise and Worship Team. Johnny faced a difficult journey but never complained. His faith was strong until the very end. He gave it his all and fought a good fight. We know he is singing and rejoicing in heaven, but he will be forever loved and missed by those he leaves behind. Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, John Romero Jr. and Lucy Romero. He is survived by his devoted wife, Peggy Romero, and their children: Billy, Scott, Teresa, Anthony, John, Philip,

Brenda, Karen, Michael, and their spouses. He is also survived by his siblings: George, Hector, Joanne, Rosemarie, Nedra, Joseph, Laura, Michelle, and their spouses. Johnny's legacy extended to his 22 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Johnny's life was one of commitment, love, and enthusiasm. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his memory will continue to live on in the hearts of his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Crosspointe Church in memory of John Romero. You can donate through their website at this link. A memorial service was held at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Crosspointe Church. A reception followed in the fellowship hall.

**CHARLES L. ROSE** – Died recently in 2023 in Somerset, California at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1944. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

**GEORGE W. ROY** – Died recently in November 2023 in Pinellas Park, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pennsylvania on June 30, 1946. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading (Pennsylvania) Chapter #131**.



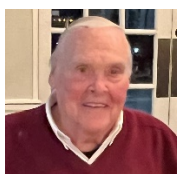
**JAMES CECIL RUSSELL** - Died Saturday, July 22, 2023 at his residence in Graysville, Georgia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 1, 1946. A longtime resident of Graysville, GA, Mr. Russell retired from Candlewick after 40 years of service. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a member of New Heights Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his brother, John Charles Russell. Survivors are his wife of 51 years, Viola Russell and his son, J. Timothy A. Russell; grandson, Charles Cecil Russell, all of Graysville, GA. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the funeral home chapel with Reverend Tom Phillips officiating. The burial was at the Graysville Cemetery with military honors. You may share condolence with the family at [www.heritagechattanooga.com](http://www.heritagechattanooga.com). The family received friends on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 3:00 PM at the Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 East Brainerd Road.



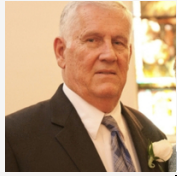
**JOHN SANTAGATA** - Died Sunday, November 19, 2023 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Providence on November 7, 1948 to the late Peter and Margaret (née D'Agnew) Santagata. He was the beloved husband



of Rachel (née Malouin) Santagata to whom he was happily married for 50 years. He was the loving father of John Anthony Santagata (Sandra), Melissa Johnson (Anthony), and Stacy Johnson (Richard); cherished grandfather of Gianni, Nico, Anthony Merrick, Juliana, Savannah, and Victoria; and brother of the late Judith Dekonski. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter (Woonsocket) #818**. He was a master electrician with the IBEW Local #99. He retired in 2007, but remained an active member of the Union's Retiree's Club. He was a member of Saint Raymond's Parish and enjoyed spending his Saturday mornings having breakfast with his fellow Veterans. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his Memorial Mass on Friday, November 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Saint Raymond Church, 1240 North Main Street, Providence. The burial took place in Saint Francis Cemetery in Pawtucket. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Miriam Hospital Cancer Center, [www.giving.lifespan.org/The-Miriam/Give-Now](http://www.giving.lifespan.org/The-Miriam/Give-Now). For online condolences, [www.pontarellimarinofunerals.com](http://www.pontarellimarinofunerals.com).

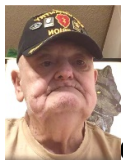


**GARY MELVIN SCHUBERT** - Died peacefully Saturday, October 21, 2023 under Hospice care at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 80, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Savannah. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1942 in Dayton Ohio to the late Dr. Melvin Joseph Schubert and Dolores Isabel (née Porter) Schubert. He graduated from Oakwood High School in Dayton and from TriState University in Angola, Indiana. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in Vietnam until 1968, attaining the rank of Captain. He was in the construction business in Dayton and moved to Savannah in the early 1970's. He and his family also lived in Fort Lauderdale, FL and Lilburn, GA, returning to Savannah in 2010. Gary loved his country and was a member of American Legion George K. Gannam Post #184 and was past Commander of Veteran of Foreign Wars Patrick A. Russell Post #4392. He was also a member of The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses and the Savannah Military Officers Association, serving as its Treasurer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter Wendy Hoersting (Bob), his sons Michael Joseph Schubert (Katherine) and William Porter Schubert (Kelly) and grandchildren, Nathan and Kathryn Hoersting, Graham and Elizabeth Catherine Love Schubert, and William and Anna Elizabeth Schubert, and his sister, Marilyn Evans Omstead of Atlanta and niece Susan Hallmark (Greg) and nephews William Funston Helmken and Jonathan Cord Eckdall Helmken. His loving niece, Lori Andersen, predeceased him. Gary never met a stranger and loved nothing more than recounting endless stories of the past, some long forgotten by others. He enjoyed woodworking, cooking, western movies, and treasured time on the water with his family. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. A graveside memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Greenwich Cemetery at Bonaventure. Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 510 Washington Avenue, Savannah GA 31405 or the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler GA 31322.



**RICHARD E. SELTZER** - Died Saturday, May 27, 2023 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 22, 1945 in Norristown, Pennsylvania to the late Walter E. and Frances (née Smith) Seltzer, and he was the beloved husband of the late Georgeine (née Williams) Seltzer. They were married for 55 years. Richard married his High School sweetheart and graduated from Norristown Area High School. He was a United States Navy Seabees Veteran and served two Tours of Duty during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of the Hancock Fire Company where he served in many capacities including past president and former Fire Marshall. Richard was a Master Mason at Charity Lodge 190. He was PA State Constable and a member of the American Legion Post #901. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. Richard owned RE Trash Removal before selling and working for other trash/recycling companies. Richard was an avid collector of stamps, trains, and coins. He loved to watch the Phillies and the Eagles. He enjoyed gardening, going to the beach, smoking cigars and drinking Scotch. Richard loved cars, especially his 1956 Chevy Bel Air and his Corvette. Richard is survived by his three children; Richard E. Seltzer, II (the late Catherine), Kristi Fink (Troy) and Bradley Seltzer (Vanessa), seven grandchildren; Joseph, Richard III, Nora, John, Daniel, Benjamin and Sarah, and his sister; Margaret “Peggy” Smith, as well as many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to share in Richard’s Life Celebration on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:50 AM at the Boyd-Horrox-Givnish of East Norriton, 200 West Germantown Pike. His funeral service was at 12:00 Noon. The interment took place at the Montgomery Baptist Cemetery in Colemar, PA.

**JAMES ROBERT SEXTON** - Died Friday, June 16, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 4, 1939. He is survived by his wife, Twila. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yulee Chapter #1088**. The Crevasse Simple Cremation was honored to serve the Sexton family.



**GEORGE ARTHUR “Yellow Dog” SHULTZ** - Died Saturday, November 25, 2023 at his residence in San Augustine, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Shultz was born on October 5, 1945 in Fostoria, Ohio to the late George Arthur and Orpha Jean (née Yeager) Shultz. He faithfully served his country in the United States Army, making that his career until retirement in 1984. Mr. Shultz served during the Vietnam and Korean eras and was a Purple Heart award recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**. In later years, “Yellow Dog” and his wife Marty were longtime residents of the Toledo Bend area in Sabine County, Texas, before moving to their new home near San Augustine in 2020. His survivors include his wife, Marty Shultz of San Augustine; a daughter, Jean Hogard of Edmund, Oklahoma; sons, George Arthur Shultz III and Guy Shultz, both of Washington State; and brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Arthur and Orpha

Jean Shultz. A Celebration of Life was held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at the Wyman Roberts Funeral Home chapel in San Augustine, Texas. An inurnment with memorial honors took place later at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Visit [www.WymanRobertsFuneralHome.com](http://www.WymanRobertsFuneralHome.com) for memories and condolences. The arrangements were under the direction of Wyman Roberts Funeral Home in San Augustine, Texas.



**BRIAN A. SHUMAKER** - Died Friday, October 20, 2023 at home in Monaca, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania on June 15, 1949 to the late Arnold and Ruth Shumaker. Brian was known for his friendly demeanor, his love for his family, and his unwavering dedication to his country. Brian was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ruth Shumaker, and his brother-in-law, Ray Sullivan. He is survived by his loving wife, Janet L. (née Sullivan) Shumaker, and their children: Marcie (Chris) Crawford, Brian Shumaker (Darla Butcher), James (Kelli) Antinopoulos, Kristen Apple (Brian Berchtold), Josh (Patricia) Antinopoulos, and Beka (Todd) Weischedel. He was a proud grandfather to fourteen grandchildren: Maddie, Leah, Megan, Lindsay, A.J., Mara, Avie, James, Lucas, Robbie, Sam, Harper, Molly and Ripley and a great-grandfather to Rylan. Brian is also survived by his brothers, Scott (Sheila) Shumaker and James (JoAnn) Shumaker, his brother-in-law David (Lorie) Sullivan, and his sisters-in-law, Carol Sullivan and Angela Sullivan. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and a close-knit group of special friends, including Brandon Apple, Don and Denise Lynch, Chuck and Louise Greback, and the special Atlantic Avenue Crew who were like family. A graduate of Monaca High School, class of 1967, Brian's life was marked by service and dedication. He was a Vietnam Veteran, having enlisted in the United States Army and served with the First Calvary Division. For his bravery and service, he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and a Bronze Star. Upon returning from war, Brian worked for J & L / LTV Steel's Aliquippa works for 33 years. He also held positions at Roger's Custom Shop in Monaca and Halama Brothers Electric, ultimately ending his work career as an electrician for Union Local 712 with 10 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland Chapter #862**. Brian was well-known and liked within his community. He had a zest for life and was happiest when surrounded by his family and friends. He loved his yearly camping trips to Kinzua and his fishing trips to Canada with his buddies. However, his greatest joy was being a proud Pap, and he cherished his role as the overseer of Pap Camp for his grand kids. He frequently referred to his home as the "HUB" for all family events and holidays, a testament to his love for family gatherings and celebrations. Brian A. Shumaker will be remembered as a man of great character, a devoted family man, a brave veteran, and a kind friend. Friends were received on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Simpson Funeral and Cremation Services, 1119 Washington Avenue, Monaca where relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend his funeral service on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. The interment with full military honors was held at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery at 10:50 AM. The family suggested memorial contributions be made, if desired in Brian's memory to a charity of the donor's choice. To share online condolences, get directions and other information, please visit [simpsonfuneralhome.com](http://simpsonfuneralhome.com).



**DONALD LOUIS "Top" SIMMONS** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 2, 2023 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 85, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 29, 1937 in New London, Connecticut to the late Henrietta (née Carter) Simmons and Thomas Simmons. He devoted his life to service, honor, and love. Donald dedicated his early years to the call of duty, setting the foundation for a remarkable career whisking him off to locations such as Alaska and Germany. A United States Army Vietnam War Veteran, he served not one, but three tours with unwavering commitment. His bravery on the battlefield was matched only by his compassion off of it. A beacon of guidance to his fellow soldiers, Donald took on the role of a mentor with passion and purpose. This path led him to the White House on a special assignment, where he contributed to the workings of the nation during the Johnson Administration. His leadership, both in war and peace, left an indelible impact on those fortunate enough to serve alongside him. Beyond his remarkable military career, Donald dedicated himself to the well-being of his fellow veterans, serving as the devoted *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of #America - Greenville Chapter #272**. Through his voluntary efforts, he continued to impact lives as a mentor to fellow soldiers, sharing his wisdom and experience with a generosity that left an enduring mark on those he guided. Yet, it was in his role as a husband that Donald found his truest joy. Adoring his wife with a love that stood the test of time, their bond was a testament to the strength of partnership. His role as a husband and father brought him immeasurable joy, and his family was his greatest source of pride and joy, cherishing every moment spent with them. In addition to his immediate family, Donald extended his fatherly love, becoming a bonus dad and papa to those in need of a guiding hand and a loving heart. His kindness and guidance touched the lives of many, leaving an enduring legacy of compassion and support. In his later years, Donald found immense delight in being smitten with his grand and great grandchildren. Their laughter and presence brought immeasurable joy to his life, creating cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He is survived by his wife Eleanor (née Barnhill) Simmons of Winterville, NC, and a blended family of 11 children: Larry Nauls, Charles Nauls, Robert (Patricia) Simmons, Donald Simmons Jr. , Paul Anthony (Glenda) Simmons, Cheryl Jean (Prentiss) Johnson, Vincent (Pam) Barnhill, Kenneth (Brandi) Barnhill, Caryn Tate, Vaughn (Stacie) Tate, and Michael (LaDonna) Barnhill, 26 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends. Donald is preceded in death by his brothers Thomas Simmons, Herbert Simmons, Ralph Simmons, Edward Simmons and sister Emily (Simmons) Coleman. As we bid farewell to this exceptional man, let us remember Donald for his courage, leadership, and the love that defined his existence. May his legacy inspire us to serve others with dedication and to cherish the bonds of family and community that he held so dear. Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.



**GARY DOUGLAS SIMON** - Died Friday, September 29, 2023 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1945. Gary is the loving husband of his cherished bride, Jeanne, for 53 years; the adored father of Pennie (DeWitt) Tracy and Rodney (Lesley) Simon; the loving grandfather of Megan, Kaitlyn, and Madalyn; and the beloved brother of Art and the late Ron Simon. Gary proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a Sergeant of the United States Army 2<sup>nd</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry. After he returned from the Army, Gary worked as an industrial journeyman of Sheet Metal Local #292 for over 30 years. After his retirement, he stayed active in the Local #292, serving as the president of the retiree group, never missing a luncheon. After retirement, Gary also enjoyed getting together with his group of friends for luncheons; a group that has stayed close since childhood, from growing up in the neighborhood together to serving in Vietnam together. Gary always had a good, quick joke for any situation. Gary enjoyed golfing and vacationing at their property in Lexington, Michigan. He had a deeply rooted Christian faith. Gary was a proud member of the Metro Church of Christ, Sterling Heights. He often volunteered his time at the church and at the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** where he was a *Life Member*, for various activities, including the food pantry at both locations. Above all, Gary deeply loved and cared for his family, especially his grandchildren. Gary's family received friends for visitation on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 2:00 until 8:00 PM, with a Vietnam Veteran's Pass and Review Service at 6:00 PM at the William Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Gary's funeral service was held on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Church of Christ, 40100 Dodge Park Road, Sterling Heights, with visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of his service at 11:00 AM. The interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Heart to Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation, Detroit IPC, 5990 North Adams Road, Troy, Michigan 48098. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

**FRANK CLIFFORD SNOW** - Died Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins, Utah at the age of 80. He was a resident of Saint George, Utah. The cause of death is unknown. Frank was born in Castle Gate, Utah on January 24, 1943 as the fifth of six children to the late Clinton and Mae Snow. More than his siblings, Frank stayed connected to this part of eastern Utah. From Castle Gate, to Helper, to Price, Frank loved it all. In 1964, Frank met Kathleen "Kathy" Hebdon. Frank fell hard; Kathy not so much until she saw for herself the kind, considerate, and fun guy that was Frank. Two years later, Frank enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was sent to Vietnam. After serving two years during a particularly brutal part of the war, Frank came home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. On May 11, 1968, Frank and Kathy married, and for the next 55 years, they built a life together, which included three kids and a house in Price, Utah. For his entire adult life, Frank was an electrician with Utah Power & Light, working his way up from journeyman electrician to planning supervisor. And throughout it all, there were the Elks—the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As an Elk, Frank excelled at the local, state, and national levels. Though family came first, the Elks were always a close second. (The kids dispute that order.) In



2000, Frank and Kathy moved to St. George and settled into the best job of all: grandparent. Frank leaves behind a lifetime of hard work and job success, service and shared values, and several unique phrases best reserved for when the kids are acting up. He also leaves a strong and healthy family surrounded by a whole lotta love. Preceding Frank are his parents, Clinton and Mae, sister, Joyce, brothers, Richard and LaMar, half-brother, Delbert, half-sisters, Rita and Ruth, father-in-law, Paul, and his beloved mother-in-law, Millie. Carrying on are the love of his life, Kathy, daughter, Michele (Michael), sons, Michael (Darren) and Jeffrey, grandson, Michael Frank, granddaughter, Lauren, brother, Kaye, sister, Betty, and innumerable Elks. To the Southern Utah Veterans Home and Dixie Hospice, we can't say it enough: thank you. To Jeffrey, our son and brother, for making Frank's life better even as it narrowed, you are our hero. And to anyone thinking, "Flowers are nice, but is there something else?" Yes, donate to the Parkinson's Foundation. The funeral took place on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11:00 AM with a visitation prior to services from 10:00–11:00 AM at the Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 South Bluff Street, Saint George, Utah. The interment was at the Tonaquint Cemetery, 1777 South Dixie Drive, Saint George, Utah. The arrangements were made under the direction of the Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 South Bluff Street, Saint George, Utah. Family and friends were invited to sign Frank's online guest book at [www.spilsburymortuary.com](http://www.spilsburymortuary.com).



**RONALD P. STAES** - Died Sunday, August 20, 2023 at his home in Moline, Illinois at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Ronald was born on July 13, 1947 in Moline to the late Frank and Myrtle Staes. He was a graduate of Moline High School and a 1974 graduate from Saint Ambrose University. He served four years in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. While serving in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299*. He served as Moline Police Department's first D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer) from 1991 to 2004. In 1989, he was awarded the Police Department's highest award for valor—the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in a burning home rescue. He saved the lives of two small children by carrying them out of an upstairs bedroom through the smoke and fire-engulfed house. Ronald received many other honors: Americanism Award, Law Officer of the Year for the State of Illinois 1993, Moline Police Department's Police Officer of the Year 1992, Moline Jaycees Outstanding Police Officer of the Year, March 1992, The Department of Army Commander's Award for Outstanding Public Service, November 1992, VFW State of Illinois Lifesaving Award, October 1990, Quad Cities Vietnam Veterans Chapter 299 Member of the Year 2008-2009, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2153, Meritorious Distinguished Service Award December 1990 and February 1994, The Deere Harvester/Moline Schools Special Recognition Award, January 1992, Fox 18 KLJB TV Officer of the Month, December 1992, The Community Caring Conference Crime Fighters Award for Outstanding Performance in Law Enforcement, October 1995. He was a life member of: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 77, Policemen's



Benevolent and Protective Association of Illinois Unit No. 2, American Legion Post 246, VFW Moline Post 2153, Disabled Veterans of America, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 299, Served as president of the Filipino-American Association Iowa-Illinois Region, 1997-99, Past Board member of the Quad Cities Senior Olympics, Past Board member of Moline Commission on Youth, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 658, and Fourth-Degree Assembly 1922. Survivors include daughter, Amber Cunningham, son-in-law, Alex Cunningham, and grandchildren, Miles and Maya Cunningham all of Moline; sister and brother-in-law, Dawn and Mike Petrik, Fairview, Texas. He was preceded in death by a brother, Father Bob Staes. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and volunteering his time for many charities. He was an Extraordinary Minister for Holy Communion serving nursing homes in Moline and making home visits. He often stated that his Philosophy for life was "The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others will define your legacy." A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at Sacred Heart Church Moline. The visitation was from 4:00-6:00 PM on Monday at the Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 First Street A, Moline, with a Christian Wake Service at 3:30 PM. The burial was at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery with military honors by Vietnam Veterans of America. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital.



**RONALD LEE STOCKLEY** - Died Sunday, July 9, 2023 of (Twigg Settlement) RD Philipsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 78 from complications due to his exposure to Agent Orange during his military service in Vietnam. The precise cause of death is unknown. Ronald was born on August 15, 1944 in Philipsburg to the late Merle and Ethel (née Braund) Stockley. He was a 1962 graduate of the Philipsburg-Osceola Area High School. He was also a graduate of the Williamsport Technical Institute / Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport. Ronald was a United States Navy Veteran and served two tours during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Nanty Glo American Legion, Post #6129 and the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-6, Wilmington, Massachusetts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Philipsburg. Ronald was employed throughout his working career as a diesel mechanic. He retired from W.W. Engine, Kylertown. Ronald was known for his mechanical knowledge. He had the ability to fix anything and lived his faith through his generosity to others. Ronald was married on August 8, 1970, in Altoona, to the former Margaret Rose Creighton, who preceded him in death on October 18, 2017. He is survived by two daughters, Shari Stockley of Philipsburg and Lisa Stockley-Patalune and her husband Aaron Patalune of Portage; a son, Ronald Christopher Stockley and his companion Carri Ranefeldt, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Levi, Sophia and Tucker Stockley, Matthew and Jonathan Thompson, Bailey, Jackson, Casey and Shannon Patalune; two brothers, Merle F. Stockley, Jr. of Rochester, N.Y. and Russell L. Stockley of Tennessee; and numerous other extended family members. A funeral service was held at the Heath Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC, 701 Lingle Street, Osceola Mills on Thursday,

July 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Samantha McElwee officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM; and on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service. Military Honors were accorded by the Osceola Mills Honor Guard. The interment was at the Philipsburg Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Ronald's memory to the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-6, C/O Dan Till, Treasurer, 291 Hunt Rd., Johnstown, PA 15909. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Corinne Fagan and his Twigg settlement "family" for their friendship and support. Online condolences and memories may be submitted at [www.heathfuneral.com](http://www.heathfuneral.com).



**THEODORE A. "Teddy" STONE** - Died Friday, February 3, 2023 at his home in Newton, Fredon Township, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Theodore "Teddy" was born on September 6, 1950 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Harry and Harriett (née Fiesler) Stone. Teddy was a proud United States Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement in 2022, he was an Aeronautics Instructor for United Airlines. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. Teddy is survived by his nieces and nephew, Joseph Flannery (Angel), Margaret Flannery (Mark) and Michelle Pierson, great nieces and nephews, his stepchildren, Michael Lacken and Deborah Lacken, his grandchildren and his former wife, Linda Stone. Along with his parents, his sister, Harriett Stone Flannery; his brother, Robert "Bobby" Stone; his nephew, Daryl Stone and his stepson, Willard "Bill" Lacken III, predeceased him. A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 75 North Church Road, Sparta, NJ. Condolences can be offered online at [www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com).



**TAYLOR D. "Ted" STOWELL** (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Sunday, January 1, 2023 in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 20, 1942 to the late Paul and Helen (née McNally) Stowell. Mr. Stowell of Plymouth Meeting was a retired Sergeant First Class from the United States Army. He honorably and faithfully served his country in Korea and Vietnam with the 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and later retired from the 1-104<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Ted is a recipient of the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal w/ "V" device for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and numerous other awards and Decorations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. Ted later worked as a Service Manager in the automotive industry and as a school bus driver for the Lower Merion School District, he also enjoyed playing golf, bowling, movies, and most importantly, being a Pop Pop. Ted loved his wife and his family more than anything. He was

happiest when he could find ways to help his loved ones. Ted was the husband of Rita (née Caprice) Stowell. He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Sean and Amber Malloy and David and Susan Stowell; one daughter and son-in-law, Renée and Raymond Tutt; a brother, Gary (Kathy) Stowell, and sister, Bonnie (Eric) McMillan; nine grandchildren Matthew, Hannah, Luke, Mallory, Emily, Isabella, Nicole, Carmella, and Jackson, and; one great-grandson, MJ. Ted was pre-deceased by his daughter, Debbie Kay LoRusso, brother Paul Stowell and grandson John. Ted's viewing was held on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 AM followed by services at the Volpe Funeral Home, 707 West Germantown Pike at Whitehall Road, East Norriton. The burial was in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Springfield, Delaware County. Family requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in his memory to your local SPCA. The funeral arrangements were in the care of the Volpe funeral home. Volpefh.com.



**WILLIAM JETTER "Bill" STRICKLAND** - Died Monday, October 16, 2023 in Springfield, South Carolina at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina on June 15, 1940 to the late Curtis Green Strickland and Minnie Thelma (née Mears) Strickland and was married to the late Glenda (née Mincey) Strickland. He was a member of Springfield First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was a Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Army and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**. He graduated from the Commanding General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas with a B.S. Degree and he also attended Chaminade College in Honolulu, HI. Survivors include his daughter, Thalia Ann (Theron) Powell of Lexington, SC; sons, William Jetter (Barbara) Strickland, Jr. of Springfield, SC and Retired Major Thomas Glenn (Dawn) Strickland of Costa Rica; grandchildren, Ariel Leigh (Michael) Weed, Kenneth Edward Bishop, William Jetter (Jennifer) Strickland, III, Paig Strickland, John Trent Strickland, Zebediah Harlin Strickland, Curtis Wesley (Judy) Strickland, and Timothy Noah Strickland; great grandchildren Connor Weed, Cameron Weed, and Quinn; a brother, Lloyd Gerald Strickland of Cerro Gordo, NC and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister Mary Ann Williamson and two brothers, Curtis Franklin Strickland and Gary Talmage Strickland. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston with the Reverend Henry Cooper officiating. The burial was at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia, SC with military honors accorded with the Reverend Dr. Stephen Y. Gantt officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be given to Saint Jude, The Memorial and Honor Program, Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org).



**JOHN LEWIS STROMAN** - Died Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Stroman was born on January 8, 1930 in Plainview, Texas to the late Solomon Price and Artie Lorraine Stroman. He had retired from the United States Navy in 1968 after 20 years of service. He worked in civil service for 22 years. He was a life member of the VFW in Waynesville, NC and the American Legion in Poplar Bluff. He was also a member of the AMVETS in Poplar Bluff and the Masonic Lodge in San Diego, CA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cullowhee (North Carolina) Chapter #980**. His favorite hobby was playing Bingo. On April 12, 2010, he married Ellen Louise Greenman. She survives. He is also survived by several stepchildren and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by four siblings. A Memorial Service took place at a later date at the VA Cemetery in New Orleans.



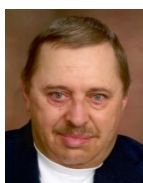
**TERRY ALLEN SULLENTROP** - Died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 in Washington, Missouri at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1949 to the late Kenneth and Evelyn (née Kiete) Sullentrup. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne (née Maune) Sullentrup, of Washington, MO; one daughter, Pamela Backhaus and husband Jeff of Marthasville, MO; one son, Daniel Sullentrup and wife Amy of Washington, MO; five grandchildren: Justin Backhaus and wife Sarah, Samuel Backhaus, Sophia Sullentrup, Louis Sullentrup, and Andrew Sullentrup; two great-grandchildren: Emma Backhaus and Nora Backhaus; three sisters: Nancy Mittendorf of Pacifica, CA, Sharon Boedges and husband Ben of Pacific, MO, and Lisa Holdmeier and husband Dale of Washington, MO; six brothers: Garry Sullentrup and wife Ellen of Washington, MO, Mark Sullentrup and wife Sherri of Linn, MO, Steve Sullentrup and friend Gena Mayer of Washington, Dennis Sullentrup of Washington, MO, Christopher Sullentrup and wife Sheila of Washington, MO and Kenneth Sullentrup II and wife Joyce of Washington, MO; three aunts: Gladys Martin and husband Larry, Betty Dobsch, and Doris Sullentrup; two brothers-in-law: Richard Maune of wife Joan of Washington, MO and Harold Maune and wife Babs of Washington, MO; sister-in-law, Mary Jo Wilding and husband Tom of Union, MO; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Terry was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Sullentrup; his parents, Kenneth and Evelyn Sullentrup; parents-in-law, Raymond and Agnes (née Aholt) Maune; one sister, Sr. Carol Sullentrup; one brother, Richard Sullentrup; and brother-in-law, Marvin Maune. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on November 29, 2023 at Saint Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Washington, MO. The interment with full military honors and fire department honors was in the Saint Francis Borgia Catholic Cemetery. Visitation for 74-year-old Terry Sullentrup was held from

3:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at the Oltmann Funeral Home in Washington, MO. A parish rosary was prayed at 2:45 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Washington Volunteer Fire Company, VFW Post #2661, or MSU Foundation-Sandra M. Sullentrup Memorial Scholarship. The Sullentrup family was served by the Oltmann Funeral Home in Washington, MO.

**BARRY TAYLOR** – Died recently in 2023 in Clendenin, West Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1951. He is survived by his wife, Patricia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**.



**JAMES JOSEPH "Jim" TESSADRI** - Died Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in the comfort of his home in Cheboygan, Michigan at the age of 76, with his wife and niece Kate by his side. The cause of death was cancer. Jim was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, worked in management, and also construction. He was very handy when it came to building and fixing. One of his last jobs was working on low income housing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. Fishing, going to the cabin, and hunting were Jim's passion. From Africa to the Arctic Circle, Jim was on the hunt for anything. He was excited about his most recent trip, where he traveled to Texas for The Barbary sheep, also known as aoudad. Jim enjoyed smoking cigars and drinking scotch with his best friend, Tom. Surviving Jim is his friend of 54 years and wife for 17, Mary. A long lost but recently found sister, Amy Mackenzie-Sanders, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends. He is preceded in death by his son, Anthony Tessadri. A memorial for James was held at a later date.



**DONALD JAMES THOMPSON** – Died Monday, October 23, 2023 in Sanborn, New York at the age of 83. He was formerly of Lockport, New York. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born in Lockport on November 21, 1940. Donald graduated from Lockport Senior High School and soon thereafter enlisted into the United States Air Force where he served three tours in Vietnam and continued his service with B. Leo Dolan Post 410 in Lockport, where he served as Commander of the Post. He was a *Founding Member, Life Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. Donald also served as the Director of the Niagara County Veteran Services in Lockport for many years. Donald was the beloved husband of Patricia Ann (née Dear) Thompson for 46 years; beloved brother of Bonnie Burnett, Cynthia (James) Rassulo, Kathleen Wik and Terri (late David) Frye; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Friends visited from 3:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Taylor and

Reynolds Funeral Home, 70 Niagara Street and on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-11:00 AM at the First English Lutheran Church, 185 Locust Street, Lockport (Parking in the rear), where the funeral service was held at 11:00 AM. The burial was on November 3, 2023 at the Western New York National Cemetery at 1:00 PM with Military Honors. Please visit [Taylorandreynolds.com](http://Taylorandreynolds.com).



**MICHAEL ANTHONY "Mike" THONN** - Died Sunday, July 23, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics at the age of 76. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on January 24, 1947 at Saint Anthony's in Rock Island, Illinois to the late Robert P. and Beverly (née Exbom) Thonn. He married Pamela Hall on December 21, 1968 in East Moline. Mike was a veteran of the United States Navy. He began his career with John Deere Harvester in quality control, he later moved on as an over the road truck driver and worked in the lab at Servus Rubber. Mike retired from John Deere Seeding in 2009. He enjoyed bowling, camping and playing computer games; he was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. Mike is survived by his wife, Pam; children, Jenny (John Weiland) Thonn of Altoona, Iowa and Andrew (Amber) Thonn of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren, Taylor Stone, Seth Thonn, Lauren Thonn and Johnny Weiland; Sister, Judy Thonn. Mike was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service was held at 9:30 AM on Friday, July 28, 2023 at the Esterdahl Mortuary and Crematory, Ltd. in Moline. Visitation was on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home. The interment was at the National Cemetery on the Rock Island Arsenal. Military rites were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299. Memorials may be made to the family. Memories may be shared on the tribute wall.



**DEXTER P. THORNBERRY** - Died Monday December 11, 2023 in Union Township, Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. Dexter was born on November 12, 1946 in Newtown, Ohio to the late Luther Thornberry and Evelyn (née Arnold) Thornberry. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. Dexter is survived by his loving wife Evelyn Thornberry; loving daughters Evelyn (Jim) Heller, Paula (Patrick) Harrell, and step-son Donald Starr; Grandchildren Alex Heller, Andrew Massarella, Austin Heller, Haley Heller, Tillman Jacob Harrell, Tabitha Starr and Crystal Starr; Brothers Jerry (Cindy Kutas) Thornberry, and Lester (Susan) Thornberry, as well as by many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and family members. A public visitation was held for Dexter on Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Clough Pike Baptist Church, 1025 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245. The funeral service



was held the following day on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM also at Clough Pike Baptist Church with interment at Graceland Memorial Gardens.



**WILLIAM HATHEWAY TIMBERLAKE, JR.** - Died Sunday, August 20, 2023 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1948 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to the William Hatheway Timberlake, Sr. and Dorothy Timberlake. He grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts. He graduated from Belmont High School. He proudly served 10 years in the United States Marine Corps and deployed to Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. **He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Sainte Lucie Chapter #566.** He graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Human Services. He worked for emergency Medical Services. He is preceded in death by his wife Rebecca E. Timberlake, his and Colleen Simkins son, William H. Timberlake III, his parents Dorothy and William H. Timberlake. He is survived by his two sons, Sean M. Timberlake, Michael J. Timberlake, his three daughters, Jennifer L. Hall, Kimberly W. Memic and Winnie D. Johnson. two grandsons, Alvin Memic and Adon Memic, and one granddaughter Grace Johnson, and; four sisters, Edith Landowne, Mary T. Moore, Faith T. Alves and Ruth T. Earl. The family would like to thank they VNA hospice for the care and compassion they showed our loved one in his final days.

**DONALD L. TOTTEN** – Died recently in 2023 in Ashville, North Carolina at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 16, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Black Mountain Chapter #124.**



**CHARLES BRADFORD "Brad" TRENT** - Died Wednesday, November 1, 2023 in Conway, Arkansas at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 25, 1942 in Conway to the late Charles William "Bud" Trent and Delores (née Bradford) Trent. He was a member of the First Nazarene Church. Brad, in co-ownership with his brother, Barry, operated Trent Consulting and Investing and Trent Management Group, both of Conway, and Allied Supply of Little Rock, Arkansas. Brad graduated from Conway High School in 1960 and attended Arkansas State Teachers College (now University of Central Arkansas) from 1960-1963. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving as a combat engineer in the United States Army from 1967-1969. He received an Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device and an honorable discharge. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas.** Brad began working part-time at age 10 in his family's business, Conway Sheet Metal Co., where as an adult he was a journeyman. He

enjoyed lifelong interests in motorcycles, sailing and traveling through the United States and Europe with his wife, Sherry. Brad is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sherry (née Dean) Trent; one daughter, Michelle Trent Roberts; two grandchildren, Zakary Jones and Calyn Roberts of Conway; and two great-granddaughters, Braelyn Jones and Brooklyn Roberts, both of Conway. He is also survived by his brother, Barry Trent (Susan) of Conway; nephews Bryan Trent (Dawne) of Greenbrier, John Trent of Nashville and Elliot Smith and Jasper Harley, both of Conway; nieces April Trent, Paige Smith and Morgan Trent, all of Conway; and many other relatives as well as friends and associates. He was preceded in death by his father, C.W. "Bud" Trent and his mother, Dolores Trent. Visitation was held from 10:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Roller-McNutt Funeral Home. A graveside service with military honors was conducted at Crestlawn Memorial Park following the visitation. The pallbearers were Barry Trent, Bryan Trent, John Trent, Dennis Gunter, Henry Barkman and DJ Waller. Pastor Larry Grubbs officiated. The family extended special gratitude to CRMC ICU nurses and Dr. Eric Woodard, Dr. Tyrone Lee and Dr. Keith Schluterman. Condolences may be offered in the online guestbook available at [www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/conway](http://www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/conway). In lieu of flowers, memorials or donations may be made to the Conway Regional Health Foundation, Cardiovascular Clinic, CRMC ICU or Cardio Rehabilitation at [www.conwayregional.org/](http://www.conwayregional.org/) donations, Conway Regional Medical Center, 2210 Robinson Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72034.

**GENE ALAN TYNER** - Died Saturday, September 2, 2023 in Corsicana, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Gene was born in Corsicana on September 13, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.neptunesociety.com/location/irving-tx](http://www.neptunesociety.com/location/irving-tx) for the Tyner family.

**MARSHALL R. TYSON** – Died Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in Tavares, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 7, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**.

**MICHAEL ROBERT “Mike” VALLOW** – Died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in Georgetown, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was a fall, death resulting. He was born on January 9, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora (Colorado) Chapter #1106**.



**JOHN ANTHONY “Jack” WALTER** – Died Friday, July 21, 2023 in Williamsville, Amherst, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on February 28, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Janice (née Civello); loving father of Jacquelyn Dougherty, Judith (Michael) Dehn and Mary (Donald) Colpoys; loving grandfather of Joe, Katie and John Dougherty; Rosie, Maddie and Peter Dehn; Luke, Lillian, Adeline and William Colpoys; brother of Emily (Thomas) Ring and the late Joseph, Richard (Geraldine), James (Audrey), Marie (John) Nuttle, Peter, Judith and David Walter. He is survived by sisters-in-law, Margaret Walter and Marlene Walter, and; by many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army

during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. A visitation was held on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Dietrich Funeral Home, Inc., 2480 Kensington Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday at 9:30 AM at Christ the King Church, 30 Lamarck Drive, Snyder. Flowers were gratefully declined. Donations to Vietnam Veterans of America or to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society were greatly appreciated. Jack was also a life member of VFW Post #416. Online condolences may be made at [www.TheDietrichFuneralHome.com](http://www.TheDietrichFuneralHome.com).



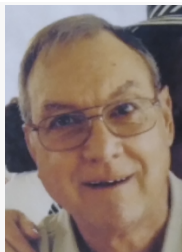
**GERALD LYNN “Jerry” WAYMAN** - Died Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in Cumberland Heights, Tennessee at the age of 74. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1949 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late Charles and Kathleen Wayman. Jerry, Abba, Ralph, and Big Guy as known by family and friends, was loved by all and will be missed dearly. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Kathleen Wayman. He leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Carolyn, and one spoiled dog, Bella, three sisters; Carol Simpson and Susan Blair of Knoxville, TN, and Kathy Kinser of Washburn, TN, along with five nephews and five nieces. Mr. Wayman was a retired United States Army veteran of 23 years. He served several tours as a medic in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Purple Heart among other prestigious awards. He was an active member of many veteran organizations in the Clarksville area, Screaming Eagles Chapter 457, and an Al Menah Shriner. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cunningham Chapter #1151**. He loved his country and his Tennessee Vols. A memorial service was held at the Neal Tarpley Parchman Funeral Home on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Visitation was on Monday, November 20, 2023 from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home. The burial was at Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors. The arrangements were entrusted to the Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN. Online condolences may be made, and live streaming of the service was able to viewed at [www.nealtarpleyparchman.com](http://www.nealtarpleyparchman.com).

**MARK J. WEBSTER** – Died Monday, October 30, 2023 in Honolulu Hawaii at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 25, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. He is survived by his wife, Helene.



**BILLY GENE “Bill” WHITE** - Died Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Nashville VA Medical Center, in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 84. He was a resident of Columbia, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 13, 1939 in Brace, Tennessee to the late Monroe White and the late Molly Mae (née Dye) White. Mr. White enlisted in the United States

Army and proudly served his country for 12 years, part of which, he was deployed and served during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and four Overseas Bars. Mr. White loved being involved with his sons and was a loving father and a great baseball coach. He was an avid sports fan, He was a proud Alabama fan on Saturdays, and cheered for Derrick Henry on Sundays. Mr. White was a loving husband of 54 years to his wife, Rossmarie Lieslotte (née Barthelmes) White, until her passing in 2019. He was a member of the VFW Post #4969 and a dedicated member of Saint Catherine Catholic Church where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #1140**. He is survived by his sons, Mike (Melissa) White and Mark (Jenny) White; and grandson, Henry White. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles White, Clarence White, Ronnie White; half-brother, James Russell; and half-sister, Dorothy Nell Collett. The pallbearers were Kyle Thomas, Derrick Brady, Kevin Fogle, B.J. Moss, Bryan Richardson, John Waldrum, and Jay Burns. The honorary pallbearers were members of the V.A. Staff, members of the VFW, and the Knights of Columbus. The family would like to express a special thank you to the staff of the Veterans Administration, TN State Veterans Home, Alvin C. York Veterans Hospital, Wade Shelton, Danny White, Shanteala, and Brad. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Saint Catherine Catholic Church with the Very Reverend Daniel Reehil, VF officiating. The burial was in the Polk Memorial Gardens with Military Honors provided by the American Legion Post #19. The family visited with friends on Monday from 3:00–7:00 PM at the Oakes and Nichols Funeral Home. Condolences may be extended online at [www.oakesandnichols.com](http://www.oakesandnichols.com).



**EDWIN F. "Ed" WILLIAMS** - Died Thursday, October 23, 2023 in Rochester, New York at the age of 77, surrounded in love by his beloved wife, Arlette (née Monacelli), daughter Noël (Jason McCall), and son Devon Williams. He was born in Batavia, New York on December 23, 1945. Ed is also survived by his brothers Richard, Donald (Sandy), Bruce (Mary), sister Dorothy (Don Meeder); 17 nephews and nieces; 35 great-nephews and great-nieces, and; 5 great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces. Ed was active in School and Boy Scout activities while growing up in his small village in western New York. He attended Alfred State College for Construction Technology. Ed was a proud United States Marine Corps Veteran who served in Vietnam. He was a very active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Rochester Chapter #20**, facilitating and assisting in many service functions. He was Commander of the American Legion Greece memorial Post #206 for 6 years. Ed worked for nine Consulting Engineering Firms from 1965 through 2012 within New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Virginia as an inspector of highways, streets, bridges, tunnels, airports and railroads on Federal, State, Thruway, County, City and Town construction projects. After retirement Ed volunteered for many years in the Meals on Wheels program. During their 50 years of marriage he and Arlette enjoyed

traveling extensively within the USA, and internationally. Their travels together began immediately after their marriage in 1972 with a three-month travel trailer trip to most of the States east of the Mississippi River. He was quietly strong, righteously moral, but never judgmental. Practical to his core, embarrassed by praise or thanks, and imbued with a wicked sense humor. He loved fiercely, but quietly. And he will be dearly missed by those that love him. Friends visited the family from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Farrell-Ryan Funeral and Cremation Services, 777 Long Pond Road, Rochester. The Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the funeral home. The interment was private.



**WARREN DAVID WINDT** - Died Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at his residence in Ogdensburg, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Morristown, New Jersey to the late Warren E. and Betty (née Cope) Windt, Warren grew up in Flanders and moved to Ogdensburg in 1989. He had served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Warren was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wallkill Valley (Vernon) Chapter #1002**, and also volunteered at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sparta. He was an avid astronomer and enjoyed spoiling his two dogs, Tucker and Charlie. He had been employed as an electrician for New Jersey Transit and retired at age 60. Warren is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Jane A. (née Tirone); his son, Gregory Windt and his fiancée Megan of Jersey City; his daughter, Jessica Garrett and her husband Bryan of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; his three grandchildren, Alexander, Evan, and Addison; his brothers, Daniel Windt and his wife Susan of North Carolina, David Windt and his wife Debbie of Bangor, Pennsylvania, Jeffrey Windt and his wife Kathy of Minnesota, and Mark Windt and his wife Linda of South Carolina; his sister, Betty Forward of Mansfield; his mother-in-law, Josephine Tirone of Sparta; and his brother and sister-in-laws, Theresa Swentzel of Sparta, Laura Sapio of Madison, James Tirone and his wife Patty of Blairstown, Anne Marie McMickle and her husband David of Wantage, Michael Tirone and his wife Debbie of Budd Lake. Military honors were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Northern New Jersey Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 75 North Church Road, Sparta, NJ. Private cremation services were entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Warren's memory to the Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com).

**GERARD A. WORSTER** – Died recently in 2023 in Ashville, North Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 11, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Black Mountain Chapter #124**.



**JACK MICHAEL WOYNOWSKI** – Died Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death was the result of complications related to his life-long dedication to underwater work and fun. Jack was born in Kassel, Germany on March 26,



1948 to the late Cecilia Ohl and Julian Woynowski. After the death of his mother in January of 1949, he and his family left Germany, arriving through the port of New Orleans. He grew up in Chicago, Illinois, attended Beaubien Grammar School, St. Cornelius Catholic School, and was a track star at Gordon Technical High School. He attended DePaul University. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and served in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he returned to college for Ocean Engineering, and returned to New Orleans in 1975. He worked as an offshore commercial diver for Taylor Diving and Subsea International, diving in the North Sea, Persian Gulf, North Atlantic, and Gulf of Mexico. He then worked as a contractor for Louisiana Power & Light in 1982 and retired in 2008 from Entergy after 26 years as a Waterford 3 Nuclear Power Station Project Manager. He continued work as a project engineer for Entergy, a safety manager for Boh Bros., and as project manager for the Port of New Orleans at the Poland Street Wharf, the same location where his family first arrived in the United States. An avid diver up to the age of 75, Jack was actively involved in his community as a member of the New Orleans Yacht Club, a lector at Saint Dominic Catholic Church, a voting commissioner, a co-captain for Krewe Du Vieux, and a volunteer diver at the New Orleans Aquarium. He is survived by his former wife, Marynelle, his two sons, Kent (Leslie) and Grant (Bradley), grandsons Julian and Gabriel, brother Joseph, sisters Ruth Nastepniak and Rita Koller, sons-in-heart Beau Boudreaux and Nathan Boudreaux (Marti), daughter-in-heart Alexis Kesner (Chase), nephew-in-heart Edward Boudreaux, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Julian, Cecilia Ohl, stepmother Harriet, sister Lydia Walters, and brother Bill. He was extremely proud of his US Marine Corps service, enlisting at the age of 18 and achieving the rank of Corporal. He was selected as an officer, served in Vietnam, and was separated as a Captain of Marines. He had recently attended the 50th year reunion of his US Marine Corp Basic School Class of 4-69. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harvey Chapter #553**. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Funeral services were held at Saint Dominic's Church, 775 Harrison Avenue, New Orleans, LA on November 21<sup>st</sup> with visitation starting at 10:00 AM and the funeral mass at 11:00 AM, followed by a memorial at the New Orleans Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana at [www.crcl.org](http://www.crcl.org).



**GARY LEE YELM** (USAF, CMSgt.-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 9, 2023 in Pineville, Louisiana at the age of 76. He was a resident of Alexandria, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1947 in Kewanee, Illinois to the late Glenn "Lefty" Yelm and Dorey (née Hapenstall) Yelm. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 45 years, Maryann Yelm and 3 children, Marsha Lore (Daryl), Mark Roberts (Vicki), and Marlene Roberson (James). 9 grandchildren, Timothy Jr., Thomas, Matthew, Mark Jr., Ryan, Zachary, Michael, Justin, and Janna, along with 16 great-grandchildren. In 1965, Gary proudly joined the United States Air Force and after 25 years of Honorable Service, Gary retired as Chief Master Sargent and a Vietnam Veteran. During his time in the Air Force, Gary met and married the love of his life, Maryann. The couple recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in October. After retiring from his military service, Gary worked as an instructor at the Central Louisiana Technical Community College, sharing his skills with others and retired after 25 years. Gary was a lifetime



member in several community organizations to honor and support veterans. The list includes: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1736, American Legion Post #3, Am Vets Post #7, Disabled American Veterans DAV Post #7, Elks Lodge #1048, and the Combat Veterans MC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. When Gary wasn't busy with his many community activities, he enjoyed relaxing at home, spending time with his wife, watching old western movies, reading and cruising on his Harley. A private memorial service was held at a later date to honor Gary.

*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!*