

DOUGLAS LOUIS “Doug” ACKERMAN - Died on his birthday Friday, September 22, 2023 in Reynolds, North Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1946 at Saint Michael’s Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is the oldest son of the late Albert and Katherine (née Batyski) Ackerman. Douglas entered the United States Marine Corps in July, 1964. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in July, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. He worked various jobs in the Grand Forks area until moving back to take over the family farm after his father’s retirement. Douglas was a devout Roman Catholic. He attended Mass every week. His faith was important to him. He was so proud to tell his family that he read the entire Bible. Douglas is survived by his brothers and sister: Michael (Betty) Ackerman, Grand Forks, ND; Phyllis Moen, Mesa, AZ; Reverend Phillip Ackerman, West Fargo, ND; six nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Gordon C. Moen. Doug would always tell people, “Have a good day.” The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Reynolds, ND. Visitation hours were from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Historic Norman Funeral Home, Grand Forks, ND. A 7:00 PM Wake Service followed the visitation. Visitation continued for one hour prior to the liturgy in the church on Thursday. The burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Reynolds, ND. Military Honors were accorded at the time of the burial by members of the American Legion Post #157, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3817 and The United States Marine Corps Honor Guard.

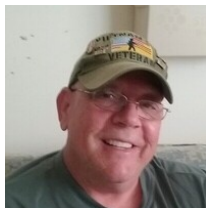


ROBERT EUGENE “Bob” ALLEN - Died Thursday, January 18, 2024 at the Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Walhalla, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 25, 1949 in Rutherfordton, North Carolina to the late Deraus Robert and Sarah Estelle (née Ward) Allen. He was the husband of the Trudy (née Underwood) Allen. Bob served in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne during Vietnam War, was retired from the United States Forest Service with the Andrew Pickens Ranger District, Sumter National Forest. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Walhalla Chapter #1017**. He was a former assistant funeral director at Davenport Funeral Home and later at Sandifer Funeral Home, and a former Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop #129. He was a Christian and a member of the Cecil Sandifer Sunday School Class, but his greatest joy in life was spending time with his kids and grandchildren. Bob is survived his wife, Trudy (née Underwood) Allen of 35 years, and his children, Chris Allen (Zoraida Reinat) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Barry Underwood (Jessi) of Walhalla, Brian Allen (Tammy) of Westminster, and Tracie A. Kennedy (Marc) of Forest City, North Carolina; sister, Kay Deyton (Harry) of Gilkey, North Carolina; grandchildren, Melly G. Rice, Erik Gonzalez (Monique), Levi Underwood, Samantha Allen, Landon Allen, Lane Allen, Brayden Kennedy, Addyson Kennedy;

five great-grandchildren, Sofia, Cashlynn, Lainey, Whitley, Noeli "Nini"; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and special friends. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife, Janice (née Walsh) Allen. A Funeral Service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at the Sandifer Funeral Home Chapel with burial with full Military Honors at the First Baptist Memorial Park. The body laid-in-state from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Sandifer Funeral Home. The family is at their respective homes. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bob's memory may be made to the Cottingham Hospice House, ATTN: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672. Condolences may be expressed online by visiting www.sandiferfuneralhome.com. The Sandifer Funeral Home assisted the Allen family.



JAMES HERMAN "Bull" "Jim" BACHMAN (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 9, 2023 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 82. The cause of death was a pedestrian accident. He was born in Plainfield, Indiana on August 17, 1941 to the late Marjorie Johnson. He is also preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Bell Douglas. Jim is survived by the love of his life and wife of 61 years, Alice Bachman; devoted children, Det. Jim Bachman (Fiancée, Katie Blair) and Bridget Brown (Husband, Thomas Brown); grandchildren, Eva Bachman, Noah Bachman, Aiden Bachman, Liam Bachman, Clara Bachman, Kris Brown, Alex Brown, Brittany Ashford, Carson Blair, Gibson Blair, and Leland Blair; great-grandchild, Faith Ashford; sister-in-law, Barbara Campbell (Husband, Joey Campbell); niece, Alicia Burchfield; great-nephews, Angel Meza and Mateo Meza; and numerous extended family members and countless friends. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army. He served with utmost honor and distinction for 30 years, reaching the rank of Colonel. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240**. Visitation was held on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM with a Masonic Service being held at 7:00 PM at Hendersonville Memory Gardens and Funeral Home, 353 East Main Street, Hendersonville, TN. Visitation was also held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Hendersonville Church of Christ, 107 Rockland Road, Hendersonville, TN. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM. The Committal Service and Military Honors took place at the Hendersonville Memory Gardens immediately following the funeral service.



JOHN BARTOLOMEO - Died Thursday, June 3, 2021, at Moravian Hall Square, Nazareth, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was a resident of Nazareth. The cause of death was ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was born on August 16, 1954 in Newark, New Jersey to the late John Bartolomeo and Jeanette (née LePage) Bartolomeo. He and his wife, Jacqueline (née Cangro) Bartolomeo were married on May 1, 1976. He was a truck driver and member of the Teamsters, Local 863 and honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam

War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendon Chapter #415**. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Stefanie Bartolomeo, Alison Boncha wife of Chris, Renae Heath wife of Andrew, and their three children, Brayden, Emmy, and Ava, sisters, Theresa Bartolomeo, Lucy Roy, Marie Volk, and Nancy Bartolomeo, and brother, Anthony Bartolomeo. He was predeceased by sisters, Antoinette Slack and Janet Yendrick. The family received friends from 1:00 to 3:00 PM followed by military honors at 3:00 PM all on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 all at the Bartholomew-Schisler Funeral Home, 211 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schislerfuneralhomes.com.

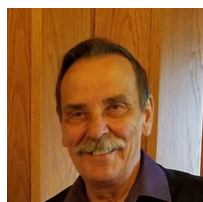


RICHARD JEROME “Whopper” BELLING - Died Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 75. He was a resident of West Fargo, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Valley City, North Dakota on March 17, 1948 to the late Lloyd and Hazel (née Sorenson) Belling. In August 1967, he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in April 1970. He married Peggy Kirmis in 1972 and had two children with this union. On August 12, 1994, he was united in marriage to Denise Bergrud in West Fargo, ND. Richard worked for the ND DOT retiring in 2010. He continued to work part time helping Mike Nelson and Nate Thorsrud with their farming operations. Richard was an incredible advocate for the veterans. He served on the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs since his appointment in 2011 by Governor Burgum, the Legislative and Post War Trust fund committees and was chair of the ND Department of Veteran Affairs Committee since 2015. He was a member of VFW (past state commander and National Council Member), American Legion (past Post #308 Commander), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**, DAV and AMVETS. He also served on the ND Veterans Home Foundation Board and was named the Red River Valley Hometown Hero in 2018 which he was very proud of. He was very dedicated to the Service Dogs for America PTSD dog program-even had a service dog named after him (Whopper-which he also had tattooed on his leg). He recently helped with the creation of the ND Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans coin which has begun being distributed just his month. He has done much more than this for his ND brothers and sisters in arms and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Denise; two children, Kim (Mike) Crist and Chris (Donny O’Brien); his fur-baby, Buffy Marie; his siblings, Harvey (Leonette) Belling, Iverne (Richard) Birkliid, LeRoy (Ruby) Belling, Arlys (Kermit) Sorby, Gerald Belling, Shirley Rosales, Ellen Stice and Cheryl Belling; mother-in-law, Beverly Bergrud; many nieces, nephews, and family members/close friends. Richard was preceded in death by his father and mother; sister’s, Gail and JoAnn Simpkins; sister-in-law, Dorothy Belling; brothers-in-law, Michael Rosales and Mike Stice; father-in-law, Ardell Bergrud; and his fur-baby Bailey Bichon. A memorial service was held on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM at West Funeral Home, West Fargo, ND with visitation from 9:30-

11:00 AM. The interment was also on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Fargo National Cemetery, rural Harwood, ND.

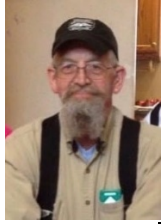


MAX LEON BENNETT – Died Thursday, January 5, 2023 at his home in Lamar, Colorado at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Max was born on July 14, 1947 in Lamar to the late Thomas “Tom” and LaVerna (née Churchill) Bennett. He is preceded in death by his wife Janet Bennett, his parents and sister, Karma Bennett. Max is survived by his children Justin (Cindy) Bennett of Lamar, CO and Sheila (Michael) Kisner of Ault, CO; grandchildren Shawntel (Justin) Bivens of Brighton, CO, Callie (Tanner) Crist of Lamar, CO, Ashleigh (Tony) Brown of Scottsbluff, NE and Tiffany Kisner of Bayard, NE and numerous great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Joyce Mathes of Lamar, CO and brother-in-law Delbert “Zeke” (Amy) Kinder of Bloomfield, NM as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family and many friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071*. A memorial service for lifelong Lamar resident, Max Leon Bennett was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Peacock Family Chapel with Ian Blacker of the Lamar Christian Church officiating. A private family inurnment was held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks VA Transport either direct or in care of the funeral home office.



GORDON MARK “Gordy” BERGMAN – Died Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in Wadena, Minnesota at the age of 68. He was a resident of Sebeka, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wadena on March 11, 1950 to the late Helen Esther Victoria (née Mattie) Bergman and Oscar Mark Bergman. He grew up at Route 2 Box 3 Sebeka MN. He spoke fondly of his childhood and the memories he had of being the youngest, and therefore; the best and favorite child in his family. He attended Sebeka Public School and no one was more surprised than he when he graduated in 1968. In the spring of 1968, Gordy joined the United States Navy. He served in a few places but was most honored with his service on the USS Enterprise in Vietnam. He received an honorable discharge in 1973. He later served in the Army Reserve. He was able to travel the world and was a “tour guide” of sorts. Whether you stated you were going on a trip somewhere, or he was showing you around the town he called home, he had history and a story to share with you. It was all about the adventure for Gordy. He loved to tell stories. You could believe about half of what he told you, you just didn't know which half. As a younger man Gordy enjoyed a good smoke, a good drink and a lot of good conversation. He perfected the art of storytelling. He learned some hard lessons along the way but believed that those were the things that made him the man he had become. Gordy married Vallery Horton in October 1973.

There were 3 children from this union: Brian, Renee, and Heidi. He adored his children and grandkids and he couldn't honestly believe that such amazing people were his offspring. He did his best to make sure that they knew it too. In his young years, he enjoyed many odd jobs such as an Artificial Inseminator while living in various towns in Minnesota. In 1977, he was hired on as a Janitor at Moorhead State University. He worked his way up the ranks and retired in 2009 as the Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor with the esteemed title of "Commander Bergman". In 1988, while he was working at MSU, he bought his home place at Route 2 Box 3 Sebeka and moved his family home. In 2009, he brought his special friend, Rose Bakke, to live with him in Sebeka. During retirement, Gordy filled his time with farming, family, friends, and making people question why he did different things, like mow the pasture, move horses from pasture to pasture daily, or stack wood in the middle of his pasture. Gordy loved his pasture and being outside. Gordy didn't believe in living an average life. He did what he wanted to, learned what he had to, laughed inappropriately at every chance, and believed that his smirk could say a thousand words, and that it did! He was an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church where he spent countless hours volunteering his talents though we couldn't count his singing as one of them. He served on the Hay Creek Cemetery Board and was just given the Deacon job. Gordy was always willing to lend a hand. Whether you were serving burgers for Cub Scouts or VFW, serving pancakes for Nimrod Boosters, cleaning up yards with the youth, hauling horses for 4H kids, cleaning barns at the fair, mowing cemeteries, putting out service flags for Memorial Day, cutting hay for a neighbor, or elbow deep in calving season, Gordy would take pride in helping you out and end the day by saying "Glad you got to see me". You may have referred to him as Gordy, Mr. Gordy, Mr. Bergman, Grandpa Gordy or even G-Dawg, but he was always there to help. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo (North Dakota) Chapter #941**. Before his passing, Gordy forged a 68-year trail of generosity, laughter, compassion and life lessons. He not only believed but lived by the "Pay it Forward" concept. Gordy had the ability that few people had...he always made you feel better from your interaction with him. He truly was an angel though he certainly would've smirked at that description. He took things in stride, both good and bad, with a simple "It will all work out. Life will go on" attitude. He was a bit snarky, smarter than he was given credit for, a confidante, an encourager, and defender of the people or places he loved. The world was a better place with Gordy in it. He was an active member of Menahga VFW Post #6206 and Berg-Nylund Legion Post #456. He also served as a color guard for both posts. Gordy was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Helen, and a sister-in-law, Elaine. Gordy is survived by and dearly missed by his partner-in-crime, Rose Bakke; his children, Brian (Julie) Bergman, Royalton, Renee (Jason) Miller, Sebeka, Heidi (Darin) Mattson, Sebeka; his grandchildren, Bryan (Brittany) Balzum, Chad Bergman, Chyna Bergman, Chelsea Bergman, Vanessa Bergman, Cody Miller, Shaniah (Chance) Miller, Sierra Miller, Tanner Mattson, Ian Mattson, Otto Mattson; his siblings, Gary Bergman, Anchorage, AK, Gail (Richard) Johnson, Wadena; many nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted kids, adopted grandkids, friends and of course all the people he touched with his guidance, wit, charm, generosity, and personal gift of a frozen chicken. Visitation was from 5:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at the Wevley Funeral Home in Sebeka, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 21, 2018 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Sebeka, MN. The interment was in the Hay Creek Cemetery.



LYN D. BIRKELAND - Died Monday, September 14, 2020 at the VA Medical Center, Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Dilworth, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. Lyn was born in Mahanomen, Minnesota on April 1, 1948 to the late Merlyn Ecklund and Audrey (née Birkeland) Heiraas. He grew up and attended school in Ada, MN, graduating in 1966. Shortly after high school, Lyn enlisted in the United States Army. After serving 1968 – 1969 in Vietnam, he returned to the area and began his career at American Crystal Sugar in Hillsboro, ND, where he spent the next 35 years. After retiring, he lived in Moorhead for a year before settling in Dilworth in 2003. Lyn enjoyed taking care of his lawn and his gardens. He enjoyed being outside and his daily walks, his time on his motorcycle, and took pride in his involvement with the FM Crusaders. Lyn was a wonderful father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America = Fargo Chapter #941*. Lyn is survived by his daughter, Courtney Greenwaldt of Dilworth, MN; son, Brandon (Elizabeth) Birkeland of Portland, ND; grandchildren, Isaac Ahlin, Dylan Hintzen, Audrie and Aspen Greenwaldt, Alexandra and Brookelyn Birkeland, and Ava Lee; brother, Randy (Cathy) Heiraas; sister, Wendy (Mark) Grotte; and nieces and nephews, Shawn, Ryan, Andrea, Jeff and Bryana. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amber Lee, and his parents. Visitation was on Saturday, September 19th from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM, followed by the memorial service at 1:00 PM in the Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead. The interment was in the Fargo National Cemetery on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 2:00 PM.



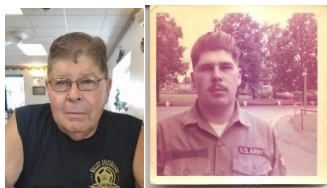
JOHN D. BLAIR, JR. (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 4, 2024 in Willow Park, Texas at the age of 85, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Paulsboro, New Jersey on January 5, 1938 to the late Reverend Dr. John D. Blair, Sr. and Gladys Blair. John dedicated 30 years of his life to serving in the United States Air Force, reaching the rank of Colonel. He began his military career in 1964 at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, GA. John's service took him to various locations, including Takhli Air Force Base in Thailand, Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, The Pentagon in Washington, DC, Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA., Headquarters European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, and Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. John retired from Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a highly decorated Colonel receiving The Bronze Star for serving in a combat zone in the Vietnam war and many other medals for his service and achievements while in the Air Force. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. John was married to the love of his life, Sally, for 51 years. They made many special memories together and loved to travel in their RV. In addition to his military service, John pursued his passion for vintage books by establishing his own business. However, his greatest joy came from spending

time with his family, especially his three granddaughters. John is survived by his beloved wife, Sally Blair; daughter, Diane Puckett and husband, Eddie; son, John Blair and wife, Arlene Blair; and his granddaughters, Everly, Blair and Brylee. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. John Blair Sr.; and his mother, Gladys Blair. John received his education from Paulsboro High School and furthered his studies at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV (BA) and Springfield College in Springfield, MA (MA). His father, Reverend Dr. John D. Blair Sr. was a Methodist Minister, and John greatly valued his spirituality. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January. 16, 2024 at Greenwood Funeral Home, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. A Celebration of Life was held at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in Greenwood Chapel.

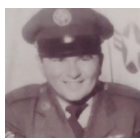
RUSSELL H. BOEHM – Died Friday, June 30, 2023 in Stevensville, Montana at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1942. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**.



KEVIN J. BOHN - Died Saturday December 23, 2023 in the Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo, New York at the age of 77. He was a resident of Perry, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1946 in Kenmore, New York to the late Elmo and Mary Ellen (née Cogswell) Bohn. Kevin was a 1963 graduate of Kenmore East High School and received his business degree from Genesee Community College. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966-1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. He worked in the restaurant business for many years prior to buying the Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry in 1981. He and his wife Ann ran the well-known restaurant until they sold it in 2014. Kevin attended Saint Joseph's Church in Perry, a member of the Perry Rotary Club where he received the Paul Harris award, Batavia Lions Club and the Batavia JC's. He enjoyed gardening, taking care of his home, spending time with his friends and family especially visits from his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife: Ann (née Carter) Bohn whom he married on September 7, 1968, daughter: Daniell Bohn of Perry, son: Kevin (Merima Lelic) Bohn of Clarence Center, two sisters: Barbara Rogers of Clarence, Virginia Bohn of Stafford, 2 brothers: Roger (Sandra) Bohn of Batavia, John (Colleen) Bohn of Texas, sister-in-law: Beth Bohn of South Carolina, brother-in-law: Joe Gallo of Maryland, three grandchildren: Olivia, Carter and Isabel Bohn, along with many nieces, nephews and friends. Along with his parents Kevin was preceded in death by a sister: Kathleen Gallo, three brothers: Ronald (Shirley) Bohn, Michael Bohn and James Bohn. There was a Celebration of Life gathering at a later date. (In lieu of flowers) Memorial contributions may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 or visit t2t.org to donate.



EARL F. BONENBLUST - Died Friday, November 24, 2023 in Williamson, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on May 14, 1947. He leaves his daughter and son-in-law, Colette and Anthony Cashier; his grandchildren, LaDonna Frederick, Brittany Ayers, Joseph Cashier and Rachel Mamroe, and; several great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army from August 17, 1966 to September 15, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends visited the family from 3:00-5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 28th at the Willard H. Scott Funeral Home, 12 South Avenue, Webster. Memorials may be directed to and Veterans organization of your choice.



BOBBY FRANKLIN BOWMAN (USAF, TSGT-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the Shenandoah Memorial Hospital in Woodstock, Virginia at the age of 91. He was a resident of Edinburg, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Bobby was born on July 15, 1932 in Edinburg to the late Boyd Miley and Virginia (née Grandstaff) Bowman. Bobby is survived by a daughter, Deborah Orndorff; grandsons, Bradley Orndorff and wife Emily of Edinburg and Brian Orndorff of Maurertown; and great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Steven and Lena Orndorff and Haley and Chris Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Barbara (née Grandstaff) Bowman; his parents; and sisters and brothers, Frances Fauber, Joyce Sager, Harold and Billy Bowman. Bobby was a member of Saint John United Methodist Church. Bobby graduated from Edinburg High School in 1951. At the age of 18, he joined the United States Air Force service where he was sent into the Korean War. His family and country are proud of his 20 years of service. In that time, he was stationed in many countries. He was stationed in England, Germany and Libya in Africa. He served in French Morocco, Netherlands, South Korea, Denmark, and Greenland. In the United States he was stationed in Nevada, Indiana, Texas, Maine, North Carolina and Delaware. Along with his family, they were stationed in Japan. Bobby was sent to South Korea again and then to Vietnam for a year. He spent time in the Philippines, Guam, Thailand and then returned to Vietnam for a year again. In his civilian life he worked for C. E. Thompson and Sons, Northern Virginia Vending and retired from there in 1994. He stayed busy and served his fellow veterans by driving the V.A. van from 1994-2012. He belonged to the VFW Post #2447 as a life member and joined the American Legion at the same time. Other organizations he belonged to were the Mount Jackson Moose, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the NRA, and the Edinburg Lions Club. The funeral service was held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 PM at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg. Pastor Terry Hendricks officiated. The burial with military honors was accorded by the Edinburg VFW Post #2447 in Cedarwood Cemetery in Edinburg. The family received friends on Saturday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Robert Sager, Dennis Fauber, Phil Fauber, Tommy Bowman, Dick Bowman, and Kevin Fauber. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #2447, 100 Veteran's Way,

Edinburg, VA 22824 or the Saint John United Methodist Church, 116 South High Street, Edinburg, VA 22824. Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com. The arrangements were made by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.



ETHELYN L. "Lynn" BRYNJULFSON - Died Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 79, while surrounded by her loving family. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on October 9, 1944 to the late Clarence and Gene (née Willis) Jensen. She then moved to Barron, Wisconsin in 1950 and spent her childhood and teenage years enjoying all that this small town had to offer. After graduating from Barron High School, she attended beauty school in Eau Claire, WI and began her career as a hairdresser and in later years, a nail technician instructor. Lynn loved big cities and so her next move was to Milwaukee, WI. Here she met and married Gary Brynjulfson on May 27, 1978. Lynn and Gary later moved to Wausau, WI and then for the last twenty years made Appleton, WI their home. The two of them shared many years of marriage filled with love, family and faith until Gary's recent passing on December 14, 2023. Throughout Lynn's life she dedicated herself to her family, her friends, and her faith. As a homemaker, she dedicated her energy and time to her children, her husband, and all those that she loved. Lynn has had many friends over the years because of her loving, loyal and giving nature. She spent many hours volunteering her time at her children's schools and at her church. She was a member of Altar Guild, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and started an Acolyte group that grew to almost one hundred young servants. Lynn was also an active member in the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as the WI State Chaplain, Port Washington's Chapter Regent, and WI State Good Citizen Chair. In addition, she was a member of the Wisconsin State – National Society United States Daughters of 1812 and the National Society Dames of the Court of Honor, all of which highlighted her talents and her patriotism. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. Lynn and Gary enjoyed travel, camping, their love of fast sports cars and their children and family. Their favorite times however were spent with their grandchildren. Lynn and Gary were the best Nana and Papa any child could ever have and will be greatly missed. Lynn is survived by daughter, Camille (Eric) Bland and son Scott (Ashley) Brynjulfson, grandchildren: Tabitha, Evan, Harper and Mabel. She is further survived by her siblings; Gerald (Cathy) Jensen, Marie (David) Schilke, Kimberly Jensen as well as many nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends. Preceding her in death are her parents and her beloved husband Gary. Family and friends gathered on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Valley Funeral Home, 2211 North Richmond Street, Appleton from 4:00 until 7:00 PM. The visitation continued on Friday, February 2, 2024 at the First English Lutheran Church, 326 East North Street, Appleton from 10:00 until time of service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Mary Bauer officiating. Entombment took place at the Highland Memorial Park, 3131 North Richmond Street, Appleton at 2:30 PM. A special thank you to the Appleton Theda Care Cardiac and ICU teams for their care and efforts. Thanks to all of those who offered up prayers.



GARY LEE BRYNJULFSON - Died Thursday, December 14, 2023 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1947 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin to the late Leonard and Mae (née Osegard) Brynjulfson. On May 27, 1978, Gary married Ethelyn "Lynn" Jensen. Gary served his country in the United States Army, receiving two Purple Hearts, and as a member of the VFW Post #2778, he was part of the honor guard, performing military honors for many other veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351*. His helping of veterans didn't stop there; he was also President of Vets and Friends, serving free breakfast on Friday mornings and free lunch on Saturdays. Gary was one of the owners and Vice President of Van Vreede's Appliance and Furniture for many years, until passing the torch to his son. They lived in Milwaukee for many years while Gary was part owner of Colder's, and then moved to Wausau, where his family lived for 14 years, Gary was the General Manager of Furniture and Appliance Mart then finally moving to Appleton where they have lived the last 20 years. Relationships were most important to Gary. Family, friends and those who crossed his path, every interaction was important to him. His children and grandchildren were never far from his thoughts. He would often travel to see his grandchildren participate in various activities. Gary and Lynn shared a love for their sports cars. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and traveling all over the world. Gary was a true adventurer. He will be missed by everyone who was part of his world. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, daughter, Camille (Eric) Bland and son, Scott (Ashley) Brynjulfson, grandchildren; Tabitha, Evan, Harper and Mabel. Gary is further survived by his siblings; Leone (George) Humblet, Linda Chapman, Terry (Mary) Brynjulfson, Jerry (Carrie) Brynjulfson, Bonnie Filla, half-sister, Linda (Jerry) Locke and brother-in-law, Emil Pecanas as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceding him in death are his parents, sister, Mary Pecanas and brother Len Brynjulfson. Family and friends gathered on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Valley Funeral Home, 2211 North Richmond Street, Appleton from 3:00 until 7:00 PM. The visitation continued on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at the First English Lutheran Church, 326 East North Street, Appleton from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Mary Bauer officiating. Entombment took place at Highland Memorial Park, 3131 North Richmond Street, Appleton at 2:00 PM with full Military Honors. The family would like to express a thank you to Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse for the gift of time, and to Cherry Meadows for the compassion and comfort given these last few days.



ROGER FRANCIS BUELOW – Died January 4, 2024 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 30, 1944

to the late Sylvester and Frances Buelow. He was the beloved husband of Trudy (Gertrude) for 55 wonderful years. Loving father of Roger II (Amy) and Jason (Amy). Cherished grandfather of Stella, Seamus, Phoebe, Sophia, Cassidy, Maya, Jack and Calvin. Dear brother of Edward (Connie) Buelow. Dear uncle of Charles Hansen and Alan Buelow. Loving brother-in-law of Howard and Jackie Hansen, Randy and Jennie Carlisle. He loved his cousins Denise Galloway and Cindy Lukas. Roger worked for Ford Motor Company for 40 years as a Quality Control Auditor. He enjoyed making toys for the grandchildren in his wood shop and dollhouses for the granddaughters. Gardening and traveling were some of the many things he enjoyed doing. Roger also dedicated a lot of time being a Boy Scout leader with four troops and as a commissioner. Roger served in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a longtime member of the American Legion Post #32 in Livonia, the Elks, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He was a member of VFW where he served on the VFW Honor Guard. During the Christmas season, he enjoyed playing Santa Claus for kids at the Elks Club. Roger will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation was held on Friday, January 12, 2024 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI. The funeral service took place on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM (laying-in-state at 10:00 AM) at Celebration Lutheran Church, 39375 Joy Road, Westland, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Celebration Lutheran Church in Roger's memory.



DAVID WAYNE BUSBY - Died Friday, October 20, 2023 in West Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 72, with his cat by his side. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Hitterdal, Minnesota on January 1, 1951 to the late Loyal and Doloris (née Hogenson) Busby. He grew up on the family farm near Hitterdal, MN. He graduated from Hitterdal High School in 1969. Following high school, he joined the United States Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. There he served as an Airborne Sensor Specialist on the OV 1 Mohawk. Following his discharge from the army he was employed by Sorenson Construction doing cement work for water treatment plants, followed by time working for Eid-Co. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. On July 14, 1973, David was united in marriage with Rebecca (née Stumbo) Busby of Ulen, MN. They were married for 34 years and raised their four children in the Hitterdal, MN area. He briefly owned and operated the Champlin gas station in Ulen, MN, then farmed with his brother, Danny Busby, for several years. After dissolving their partnership, he went to work at American Crystal Sugar Company, Moorhead, MN and retired from there in 2012. Farming was David's true passion, and he continued to help his father on the family farm until his father retired from farming. David later moved to West Fargo, ND where he lived for a period with his then partner Terri Fisher. David's dry sense of humor was lost on some, but appreciated by many. He enjoyed playing poker and visiting with his brother and sisters during gatherings at the family farm. He placed lawn chairs in various places in his yard so he could have a place in the shade to watch the robins. In recent years he preferred time at home

with his cat and watching the Minnesota Twins. He was proud of his service in Vietnam and often talked about the OV 1 Mohawk he flew on during that time. His service in Vietnam led to a lifelong love of aviation and he attended many air shows. He is survived by his children Tiffany (Al) Peterson of Lincoln, ND, Tanner (Anna) Busby of Woodinville, WA, Shane Busby of Moorhead, MN, and Megan (Mike) Hartsoch of West Fargo, ND. Seven grandchildren – Owen and Cooper Peterson, Callum and Cadyn Busby, Shawn, Brynlee and Charley Hartsoch, and grand dog Steve; his cat who was always by his side; seven sisters - Sharon (Gene) Willgohs of Henning, MN, Pat Anderson of West Fargo, ND, Linda Rydjord of Vacaville, CA, Mary Karim of Duluth, MN, Gail (Tom) Spillum of Rollag, MN, Jeri Sakrismo of Twin Valley, MN, and Maureen (David) VanDenEinde of Bejou, MN; sister in law Lori Busby of Hitterdal, MN, and brother in law Breck Wilson of Dilworth, MN; and many nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents Loyal and Doloris Busby, brother Danny Busby, sister Paula Wilson, brothers-in-law Jerain "Jiggs" Anderson, Michael Rydjord, Raj Karim, Linn Sakrismo, and a niece Carrie (Wilson) Krumwiede. In lieu of flowers, David's children ask that memorials be made to Fargo Memorial Honor Guard, Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN, and the Brady Oberg Legacy Foundation. The funeral service was held on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the West Funeral Home, West Fargo with visitation one hour prior to the service. The burial took place in the Fargo National Cemetery, rural Harwood, ND.



JUAN ERIC CANTU - Died Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lenoir County on February 12, 1946 to the late Felipe Aguilar and Lora Belle (née Stroud) Cantu. He was a member of the Class of '64 at Grainger High School. Eric enlisted in the United States Army in 1964, participating in the Vietnam War, and returned home. He married Linda "Starr" Ormand. He worked at El DuPont for three years before moving his career as an Equipment Installer with Automatic Electric Co. in Illinois. He married Sandra Lynn Millikin (Durrance). He returned to Kinston and earned his Industrial Maintenance degree from Lenoir Community College in 1987. He married Barbara Carol Ipock Cannon in 1991 and earned his horticultural degree in 1992. He was an avid radio graduates of the Master Gardener program with the Agriculture Extension Office. He was a member of American Legion Post #43, a founding member of AMVETS Post #1111, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars #2771 for ten years and served on the North Carolina VFW Color Guard for six years. He was the *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892** for six years and served on the North Carolina State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a charter board member with the CSS Neuse Foundation. He served on the Salute!, a tribute to America's Veterans committee for 21 years and was the founder of GI Joe's Living Military History Museum. Survivors include Carol, his loving wife of 32 years; sons, Joey Rice of Beaufort, Jon Kristen Cantu of Kingsport, TN, Eric Brandon Cantu of Pittsburgh, PA, Michael Ray Cannon of Kinston, David Loran Cantu (Amanda) of Snow Hill; daughters, Carmen Michelle Cantu Baker (Tee) of Cedar Point, and Alicia Carol Cannon of the home. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Ashley (John), Brandon, Bethany (Nick), Ethan, Logan, Austin, Brice,

Landon, Kristen, Kaerston, Kris, Marcandra, Sebastain, Izaiah, Keymiah, Gabrial, Jayah, and Ezekiel; his six great-grandchildren; brothers, Michael Cantu (Susan), Kim Cantu (Lori Anne); and sister, Teri Lavin (John). He touched many lives and was called grandad by many others who did not have a relationship with their own family. Preceding him in death were his parents, his first two wives, and his oldest son, Tracy Lee Crouch. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Walk of Honor, Herritage Street, Kinston. The burial with military honors was in Westview Cemetery. Friends and family were invited back to GI Joe's for a time of sharing memories of Eric. The family received friends on Saturday from 3:00-5:00 PM at Edwards Funeral Home and other times at GI Joe's. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Salute! – GI Joe's, 1165 Highway 11 S, Kinston, NC 28504.



ALFRED "AJ" CARTER, JR. - Died suddenly yet peacefully on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at his residence in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. A native and lifelong resident of Lake Charles, Alfred was born on September 6, 1948 to the late Alfred Carter, Sr. and Cora (née Savoie) Carter. Affectionately known as ""Carter" or" AJ," to his friends, Alfred supported his friends and community (especially local eateries). Also, Alfred served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. Following his honorable discharge, he worked for many years at Firestone as well as a security officer for the Lake Charles Port Authority. After years of labor, he retired and enjoyed time studying his Bible, hunting, cutting grass, contributing to several charities and hanging out with his buddies. Left to cherish his memory are his wife: Mary (née Brown) Carter, daughters; Preklet Michelle Jackson, Falatta Fifi Jackson, Aileecia Carter, son; Steven Carter, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, brothers; Rodney Carter (Helen), Jerome Guillory (Doreen) and Ronald Guillory (Latondra) as well as a host of family and friends. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents; son; Alfred "Bull" Carter III, sisters; Debra Minor and Linda Faye Guillory. Visitation for Alfred began at 10:00 AM and continued until the time of the service at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 18, 2023 at the Johnson Funeral Home, 4321 Lake Street, Lake Charles, LA. The burial with full military honors were at 1:30 PM at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Jennings, LA.



GABRIELE “Gabby” (née Rahner) CHAFFEE – Died Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:10 PM at Memorial Hospital in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 27, 1946. Gabby was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children, Manuela, Denise, Steven, Kevin, Daniel, Chris, Teresa, and Janie. Gabby was an avid lover of soccer which she coached for many years. She enjoyed spending some of her time with many friends in the bingo hall as well as the German Coffee Club, was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**, and many other organizations. Gabby will be truly missed but always remembered and loved by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Adna R. Chaffee IV. A memorial was held on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 3:00 PM at the Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home Chapel in Flemington. Gabby’s final resting place was at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville where she was laid to rest with her husband on Monday at 3:00 PM. The Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home and Crematory, Flemington handled the arrangements.

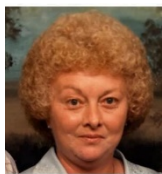
DONALD J. “Don” CHIC, SR. – Died Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 20, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**.



THEODORE EDWARD “Ted” COX, JR. - Died Monday, December 18, 2023 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 25, 1949 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Theodore Edward Cox, Sr. and Pearl (née Blevins) Cox. Ted served his country as a member of the United States Army and was a Purple Heart Recipient. He worked in Heating and Air for many years of service. Ted was a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Moose Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Larry D. Fogle Memorial (Moore's Hill) Chapter #71**. Ted is survived by his loving spouse Amanda (née Vogelgesang) Cox; children, Charmaine Cox Smith, Teddy Adams, Ruthie (Christopher) Fischer, Jacob Cody Cox; 4 grandchildren; brothers, Kent (MaryAnn) Cox, Richard (Mary Rose) Cox; sisters, Charmaine (Roger) Schindler, Alrene (Tim) Cantwell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Sr. and Pearl Cox; sister, Joyce Campbell. Friends were received on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the Rullman Hunger Funeral Home, 219 Mechanic Street, Aurora, IN. Military Services were held at the Funeral Home at 5:00 PM. The interment was held at a later date at the River View Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Charity of Donor's Choice.



JAMES W. "Jim" COYNE, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at home in Westport, Massachusetts at the age of 81, with his family by his side. The cause of death was a brain tumor and ataxia. Mr. Coyne was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on June 19, 1942 to the late James W. Coyne, Sr. and the late. Honora E. (née Powers) Coyne and had resided in Westport for most of his life. He was the husband of the late Janet R. (née O'Donnell) Coyne. A proud Vietnam War veteran, he served his country in the United States Air Force and the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. Prior to retirement, he was the co-owner / operator of Coyne and Powers Insurance Agency, Inc. in Westport. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church, Westport. Mr. Coyne was a former member of the Westport Board of Selectmen and served on many town boards. He enjoyed reporting the town election results over the years. Jim will always be remembered for his sense of humor and kind heart. Survivors include his son: Derek J. Coyne and his wife Sabine of North Attleboro; his three daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie A. Fernandes and her husband Jeff of Westport; Alicia M. Medeiros and her husband John of Portsmouth and Betheny A. Borges and her husband David of Westport; twelve grandchildren, Michael, Lindsey, Tanner and Nicholas Fernandes, Halle, Ciara and Nia Coyne, Landon Leger, Dylan and Lucas Medeiros and Matthew and Ryan Borges; a great-granddaughter, Hailey Fernandes; and his friend, Elaine DuPont of Dartmouth. He was the father of the late Stacy L. Leger, brother of the late Honora M. Coyne and brother-in-law of the late Joyce Pinto. The funeral to which relatives and friends were invited was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from the Potter Funeral Home at 10:00 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Grace Church, Westport at 11:00 AM. Calling hours were on Monday from 4:00-8:00 PM. The interment was in Beech Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: National Ataxia Foundation (NAF), www.ataxia.org.



DONNA-MARIE D. (née Johnson) CROWELL - Died Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in her home in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the age of 76, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. Donna-Marie was born in Keene, North Carolina on September 24, 1947 to the late Ernest J. and Molly (née Corbett) Johnson and had lived in Jacksonville, N.C., for many years. She was the beloved wife of Paul Edwin Crowell, Jr. of Jacksonville, NC. Being a Navy wife, she had followed her husband, Paul, to the various places he was stationed: Boston Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune (NC) Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, Seattle, Manchester, CT, and back to Camp Lejeune. She was an active *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654** serving as Chapter Liaison as well as State Council Liaison and the National Disciplinary Committee. She also was a member of the VFW Post #9133 Ladies Auxiliary,

the American Legion, the Fleet Reserve Association Auxiliary and was a YABA coach for youth bowling. She loved to sew and do crossword puzzles, and enjoyed bowling and gardening, especially roses.



DONALD EUGENE “Don” CURTIS – Died peacefully Thursday, November 30, 2023 in Yorktown, Indiana at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 21, 1938 to the late Donald N. and Vergie (née Hummans) Curtis. After graduations from Arsenal Technical High School, he joined the United States Air Force. He served for 8 years as a Security Service spy monitoring the Chinese Communists. In 1961, he married his late wife, Sharon Bourne. Don spent much of his career in medical sales. He attended Yale University, Purdue University, Indiana University and California Coast University earning a Bachelor's and MBA degrees. In 1996, Don acquired S.E. Drey & Company, an Indianapolis distributor and served as owner and president of the company until retiring in 2013. Former Mayor of Indianapolis, Gregory Ballard, declared February 16, 2012 as Donald Eugene Curtis Day. Don was an active member of Church of the Nativity in Indianapolis and Grace Episcopal in Muncie. In addition to his membership to The Indianapolis Literary Club, Don spent many years as a scout leader, active in Veterans' organizations and received the Badge of Honor from the Chinese government in Taiwan. Don was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. Don has many hobbies, but his favorite interest was in the Sherlock Holmes society. Don was the President of the Illustrious Clients of Indianapolis for 25 years. In 2000, Don was invested as a member of the New York-based Baker Street Irregulars. Don was widowed in 1999, and married Teresa Whitton Thurston in 2004. Survivors include his wife Teresa; his sons, Donald N. (Wenjuen) Curtis and Paul E. Curtis, both of Indianapolis, IN; his stepson, Christopher Thurston, of Yorktown, IN; his grandchildren, Whitney (John) Moore of Westfield, IN, Sarah Curtis of Sacramento, CA, and Nicholas Curtis of Seminole, FL. Don referred to Mason and Miles Thurston as his "bonus" Grandchildren. The family would like to thank the staff of Southern Care Hospice, especially Julie and Lynne for their compassion. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Nativity, 7300 Lantern Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Visitation was held on December 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM and the funeral at 3:00 PM. The interment in the VA Columbarium at Crown Hill took place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Indy Honor Flight, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168 or their website indyhonorflight.org.

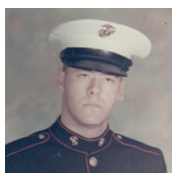


RICHARD A. DAY - Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Goshen, Ohio at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Colerain Township, Ohio on September 13, 1940 to the late Richard H. Day and Josephine (née Mueller) Day. He was the beloved husband of Janet (née Albright) Day; the devoted father of Laura Shelton, Anne Barger, Richard Day, and Michael Day, father-in-law to Wendell Shelton, Randy Barger, Selina Day and Cassandra Day, and is survived by twelve grandchildren, Justin, Jordan, Brennan and Brady Shelton, Hannah and Alec Barger, Whitney Day, Cooper and Joseph Day, and Luke, Noah, and Ava Schibley, four great-grandchildren, Beckett, Charlotte, Elsie and Andie Shelton, and siblings Mary Jo Luther, Kathy Allen, and Tony Day. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Richard H. Day, Josephine (née Mueller) Day, stepmother Gertrude Day, and brothers Donald and Steven Day. Richard served as a Vietnam Veteran in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic in Thailand. After working as a machinist at Proctor and Gamble, Richard began a career at Gulf Oil in Ohio, and as Gulf Oil transitioned to Chevron, he worked as a manager in the Chevron plants in Port Arthur and Baytown, Texas, and retired from Chevron in Marietta, Ohio. Richard was honored to serve the Catholic Church as a Eucharistic Minister, was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and served the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas as a District Deputy in the Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #649**. Richard loved his family and spent many years supporting his children in their love of horses at horse shows and the Butler County Fair, and in their many school activities. He had a passion for Ohio State University Football and having his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren gathered for any occasion was his greatest joy. There are many stories his family can tell with pride and laughter, and Richard had many friends because he never knew a stranger. Visitation will take place at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Milford on Saturday, December 23, 2023 from 9:00-10:00 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM. After Mass there was a committal service in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.



LOUIS-PAUL "Paulo" J. DEMERS - Died Monday, June 12, 2023 in Rockville, Maryland at the age of 77. He was a graduate of Gaithersburg High School and a Vietnam Veteran (1966-1968). The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 11, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. Paulo cherished his family. He found great joy in spending time with his loved ones, and in creating lasting memories that will be forever treasured, like playing the accordion at get-togethers with family and friends. His tunes, with his feet keeping time, will be forever recalled with extraordinary fondness. Paulo was a proud and skilled drywall finisher. With his hawk and trowel, he appeared to be a mesmerizing magician. He turned what others might find to be work

into acts of craftsmanship. There was something more to it than craftsmanship, however. Even during his last days—those in which he was not fully present—his arms moved in the air with the flats and angles, while his legs carried him from place to place. Only now can we appreciate that his work was, to him, a dance. Paulo is survived by Nicole, his devoted partner and his wife of 50 years, his adoring children, Duane (Sukhi Singh and Eva) and Amy (Alex) Galifianakis, his only grandchild, George, and his siblings Gisele (Jacques Larochelle), Madeleine (André Paré), Michel “Mike” (Diane Cloutier), Richard (Kim Beisser), and Daniel (Rachel). His memory will be cherished by his siblings, extended family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. He is now with his mother, Cecile (Bernard), father, Marcel, brother, Rejean, and his beloved brother-in-law, André Paré, with whom he will enjoy everlasting peace. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on June 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Shrine of Saint Jude Catholic Church, 12701 Veirs Mills Road, Rockville, Maryland 20853.



GEORGE DOUGLAS “Doug” DIETZ – Died Thursday, December 21, 2023 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Manchester, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. A native of Fayetteville, Tennessee, he was born on January 31, 1950 to the late George Christopher Dietz, Jr. and Gene (née Davidson) Dietz. Doug was of the Baptist faith and served 20 ½ years in the United States Marine Corps. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – McMinnville Chapter #1112**. Doug also worked in Tullahoma as a Locksmith for several years. He enjoyed working with his hands and spending time with his family. After serving in the military, he became very passionate about caring for other veterans. He would always be found going out with a team of other volunteers to help find shelter for those veterans less fortunate. Many times, he would go out to the homeless veterans and make sure they had blankets to keep them warm and food to keep them from being hungry. Making sure his fellow veterans were cared for meant everything to him. Doug was married to Anita (née Bonner) Dietz of Manchester, Tennessee and she survives him. Along with his wife he is survived by one son, Christopher Douglas (Amy) Dietz of Thomasville, Georgia and one sister, Dana (Randy) Simpson of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 12:00 Noon from the chapel of the Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home in Tullahoma. Friends visited with the family on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in the Rosehill Memorial Gardens in Tullahoma. Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com. The Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



WILLIAM "Fred" DONLEY - Died Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at his residence in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 9, 1942 in Wooster to the late John C. and Naomi Ruth (née Rouch) Donley. On June 9, 1968, he married Janis L. Gandee. She survives. Fred served his country proudly with the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wooster Chapter #255**. He had retired from The Timken Company, in Wooster, in 2001 after having worked there for 25 years as a mechanic. Fred had also been co-owner of 3C Salvage and owner of Hearthstone Log Homes of Ohio, both in Wooster. He was a historian of Wooster and Wayne County, Ohio. With this interest came Fred's desire to be a collector of local memorabilia, especially muzzleloading rifles made right here in Wayne County. He was a loving and wonderful husband to his wife Janis for over 55 years, especially over the last year-and-a-half as Fred became her caretaker after Janis had suffered a stroke. Together, Fred and Janis throughout their lives were very involved in their community by becoming active members of many clubs and organizations. Surviving in addition to his wife, Janis, are their children Sean (Karen) Donley of Wooster, Shane (Carrie) Donley of Fresno, Crystal Robinson of Shreve, and Kyle Donley of Wooster; grandchildren Michaela Donley, Zachary Donley, Mack Donley, Matthew Ritterbeck, Elizabeth (Kohl) Mast, Baillie (Timothy) Schlabach, Wyatt Donley, Jack Ritterbeck, Ivy Donley, Miles Robinson, McCoy Robinson, and Marshall Robinson; great-grandchildren Remington Henry, Rowen Mast, and Raelynn Ritterbeck; and his sister Reba Jane Zeleny of Eugene, OR. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the McIntire, Bradham and Sleek Funeral Home, 216 East Larwill Street, in Wooster with Pastor Dan Wingate officiating. The burial with military honors was at the Plain Lutheran Cemetery, in Wooster. Friends were received on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 5:00–8:00 PM at the funeral home, and also 1-hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to: County Line Historical Society, P.O. Box 614, Shreve, OH 44676. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com.



FRANCIS LEO "Frank" DONOVAN - Died Friday, May 12, 2023 at Collier Hospice in Wheat Ridge, Colorado at the age of 80, surrounded by his family and dear friend Bob Dyson. He was a resident of Arvada, Colorado. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Denver, Colorado on May 17, 1942 to the late Dorothy (née McCartey) Donovan and Frank A. Donovan. Frank was proud to call himself a Holy Family Tiger for 12 years and graduated with the class of 1960. He went on to attend Regis College to obtain his bachelors in English. He enjoyed his time in college in the Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity. He joined the United States Army in 1965, and was stationed in Vietnam from 1967-68. He met the love of his life, Louise

Kalin in 1961, and was married on February 20, 1971. Recently celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary was one of Frank's happiest moments. Out of college, Frank worked for RJ Reynolds in sales for many years and finished off his career at the VA Hospital. He served with honor in the Army National Guard for over 21 years. Anyone who knew Frank knows he loved a good social scene and was highly involved in several local and international organizations. The lengthy list included the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Emerald Society, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #1071**, American Legion, DOGSS, Knights of Columbus achieving the status of 4th Degree Knight, Denver Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and the Jimmy Buffet Parrot Heads. Although Frank was raised as an only child, after the untimely death of his mother Dorothy, he welcomed his father's second wife, Mary, into the family, who brought him a brother, Michael, when Frank was 39 years old. These late-arriving members of his immediate family brought him much joy and happiness. He was a devoted Catholic, who faithfully guided his four children in the Catholic Church and through the sacraments. Frank loved everything sports and was a professional armchair quarterback: from advice to his grandchildren's little league games to a full dissertation on when the Rockies should pull the pitcher. Everyone will remember Frank for how much he enjoyed traveling, especially to the warmth of Hawaii in February, his appreciation of a perfect pour of Guinness, knowing every Jimmy Buffet song, but above all, his unconditional love for his wife, children, and grandchildren. Frank is survived by his daughter Dierdre with her husband Andrew Wicklow and their children Finn, Aidan, Seamus, and Maeve, son Daniel, son Jack with his daughter Delia Donovan-Powers, Jack's wife Joanne Donovan and their children Kalin and Drew, daughter Shannon and her husband Michael Mazur and their children Ryland and Makenna, his step-mother Mary Donovan, his brother Michael with his wife Kari Donovan and their children Emaline and Grace, his nephews Kurt and Erik Klanderud and his niece Kaela Moontree. A Rosary recitation was prayed at the Horan and McConaty Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30 PM followed by an Irish Wake from 6:00-8:00 PM. For this celebration on Tuesday night, everyone was asked to consider wearing a Hawaiian shirt or their favorite Colorado sports gear. The funeral mass was held on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00 AM at Saint Anne's Church. A reception immediately followed at Horan and McConaty. A private interment was held on Thursday, May 18th at 9:15 AM at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Remembrances may be made through flowers or a contribution to National Veterans Foundations (NVF.org).

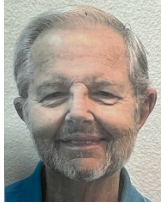


LONNIE DEAN EDWARDS - Died Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 81, surrounded by ALL of his family after a short and valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in New Market, Alabama on December 6, 1942 to the late Lonnie Gil Edwards and Lela (née Reeves) Edwards. After graduating from Buckhorn High School, Dean served his country and was a decorated war veteran in the United States Army serving as a Sergeant in Vietnam. After his service he went on to work and retire from PPG. He was an avid hunter and fisherman throughout his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntsville Chapter #1067**. Dean was preceded in death by his father, Lonnie Gil Edwards,

mother, Lela Reeves Edwards, son, Owen Dean Edwards, and his first wife, Charlene Edwards. He is survived by his wife, Lagatha (née Baker) Edwards; sister, Patsy Edwards Turner (Roger); daughters, Stacy Edwards Reed (Richard Jr.) and Regina Green (David); sons, Jarrad Edwards (Linda), and Brandon Edwards; grandchildren, Danae Reed Brown (Andrew), Cheyenne Reed, Kennedy Edwards, Cooper Edwards, Peyton Scalf, Parker Scalf, Nathan Edwards (Kristen), Caleb Edwards (Hailey), Christian Edwards, Britany Green and Trey Green; great-grandchildren, Aidyn Brown, Finley Brown, Eliza Brown, Paislee Edwards, and Denver Edwards. A visitation for Dean was held on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Valhalla Funeral Home and Memory Gardens, 698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Alabama, followed by a celebration of life at 1:00 PM. The burial with military honors was in the Valhalla Memory Gardens. The family ask that in lieu of flowers you spend a little extra time with those you love because tomorrow is promised to no one!



MONICA EPHROM - Died Monday, November 27, 2023 at Bitterroot Health Daly Hospital in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 78. She was a resident of Corvallis, Montana. The cause of death was a stroke. She was born at 6:30 AM 6 lbs., 8 oz. on Monday, 26th of June 1945 in Heidelberg, Germany at a United States Army Hospital to the late William Klimek and Antonine Klimek. Monica and her mother Antonine Klimek arrived at Ellis Island on board the U.S. Army transport ship, Mercy PL-271 on November 27, 1948. Monica was a fun-loving person, always brought laughter and life to gatherings. She was compassionate and exceptional in her effort to be the devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother that she was. Her spirit was guided by God. She will be missed very much by all. After Graduating from Coudersport High School, she joined the United States Navy in October 1963 where she was a Yeoman Third Class (E4) and was Honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station, San Diego, California in October 1966. She moved to Bishop, California to await the return of her husband who was stationed on the USS Kitty Hawk (CVA 63) in Vietnam. She married Edwin B. Ephrom, Jr. on the 26th of September 1963 in the Catholic Church on Treasure Island, Naval Air Station, San Francisco, California. Monica worked for the City of Bishop, California as a City Clerk and Finance Officer, retiring on June 26, 1995. She was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938*. In 1995, she moved to Hamilton, Ravalli Co., Montana to a home her husband had designed and built. She was preceded in death by her father William Klimek; mother Antonine Klimek, husband Edwin B. Ephrom, Jr., and daughter, Sandra Lee Hassler. Monica leaves behind daughter Tamara Lee and husband Andrew Jeffrey Ludel of Hamilton, MT. and three grandchildren, Christopher Justin Ludel of Las Vegas, Chanel Laren and Husband Cody Nichols of Reno, NV. and Brooke Lynne Ludel of Hamilton, Mt. There was a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. The urn placement with military honors took place at 1:00 PM on June 26, 2024 at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations in Monica's name be made to the Bitterroot Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 1391, Hamilton, MT 59840.



EDWARD A. "Ned" EVANS II - Died Sunday, April 16, 2023 in Viera, Florida at the age of 80, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1943 in Marysville, California to the late Jack and June Evans. Ned graduated High School in Miami, FL. and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Park College. Ned served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1983, retiring after 22 years of service. During his military career, he was stationed in Guam, Vietnam, Turkey, Germany, and various stateside bases. After retiring from the Air Force, he began his second career with Grumman Aerospace in Dayton, Ohio and later with Northrop Grumman in Melbourne, Florida where he retired in 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. Ned was a very personable person who never met a stranger. He loved his fishing trips with his friends and summer motorhome travels with his wife, Linda. Ned is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Susan (Eric) Wheeler; granddaughter, Tessa Wheeler; sister, Michelle Wisham; and niece, Denise Wisham. Services were held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on May 17th at 1:00 PM. The Beckman and Williamson Funeral Home and Crematory was in charge of the funeral arrangements.



NORMAN BARRY FERST – Died Sunday, November 12, 2023 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Savannah on January 5, 1947 to the late Aaron Ferst and Gladys (née Glesias) Ferst. As a local native, a "Telfair" baby, he was a beloved, well-known eccentric. Everyone who knew him will most certainly agree, there was never a dull moment. With his stellar wit and keen sense of humor, he was always the life of the party. A colorful thread in the fabric of Savannah—who will be forever missed by his friends, family, and loved ones. After graduating from Savannah High School in 1965, he honorably served his country, during the Vietnam War, as a sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1966-1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He later graduated from Armstrong State College with both a degree in Sociology and Philosophy. In 1976, he began his career in shipping with I.L.A., Local 1475, a career that spanned nearly four decades. All the while—he followed his passion for antiques as a purveyor of fine art, vintage books, antique furniture, and unique and handmade rugs. His favorite topics were music, religion, politics, jokes, veteran affairs, and helping those who were less fortunate than himself. Most especially, he adored his friends, had an appreciation of nature, and loved his dogs. He is survived by his devoted sister, Sandra F. Faircloth and her husband, Nolan; and his devoted niece, Angela F. Fowler and her husband, Jack. A private graveside service was held by the family on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Laurel Grove North Cemetery. He will forever be in our hearts. The family invites you to share a remembrance with an animal welfare agency of your choice, a cause dear to his heart.



ROBERT ALLEN “Bob” “Gunner” FEUILLERAT – Died Wednesday, January 17, 2024

at the Kobacker House, Columbus, Ohio at the age of 82. He was a resident of Delaware, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born at the White Cross Hospital in Columbus, Ohio on January 4, 1942, to the late Reginald Carl Feuillerat and Virginia Stella (née Young) Feuillerat. He was preceded in death by his parents; Aunts: Helen (Young) Fish, Abby (Young) Heinlein and Betty (Young) Cooper; Uncles: Charles Fish, Alvin Heinlein and Ted Cooper; Cousins Joan (Fish) Keen, Charles Fish, and Richard Heinlein and his in-laws, Thomas A. Nolen and Ora Lorraine (Dillard) Nolen. Bob joined the United States Navy on December 29, 1959. His first duty station after boot camp was in a place that even some of his superiors in the Navy didn't know about - Port Isabel, Texas. In June of 1960, he was introduced by a friend to Tommye June Nolen. By July 4, 1960, they were engaged and were married February 17, 1961 in San Benito, Texas. In the summer of 1961, they moved to Corpus Christi, Texas and in September of 1962, were transferred to Jacksonville, Florida where their son, Robert Allen Feuillerat, Jr. was born on October 26, 1962 at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis. From Jacksonville, Bob was transferred to Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California. He made his first cruise in 1963-64 on the USS Oriskany (on which he made five cruises) with VA-163. Bob and June's younger son, Russell Carl Feuillerat, was born on July 8, 1965 in the Naval Hospital, NAS Lemoore, while Bob was at sea. In 1967, Bob was transferred back to Jacksonville with Attack Squadron 44. Next transfer was to Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California, in March 1970, where he served with VF-194 and VA-114 and as Weapons Division Officer for NAS Miramar. Summer of 1980, transfer was to Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada where he served as Head of the Weapons Department. Bob retired June 30, 1983 after 23 and a half years honorable service to his country. He loved the Navy and enlisted as an Airman (E-1), advanced to Warrant Officer (W-4) and retired as a Lieutenant (O-3). Bob loved to travel and made the most of his shore leave while on cruise. He traveled to the Far East on nine cruises and also made a cruise to the Mediterranean on the USS America; his service also included cruises on the USS Kitty Hawk and USS Enterprise. The family made many trips around the country while visiting family or while traveling to a new duty station, and Bob was always on the lookout for interesting and fun places to stop along the way, although Robert, Jr. still complains that we never visited a snake farm. The boys were good travelers and trips were always fun. Bob was a member of the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA), the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), The Association of Aviation Ordnancemen, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095* and the Delaware County Genealogical Society for which he edited the newsletter since 2013. He was also a member of two Navy reunion groups, and he and June made two fun trips to reunions in October 2023: one to Utica, New York and one to Pensacola, Florida. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, June, sons Robert (Michael) and Russell, granddaughter Alaina (Andrew) Helsel, grandson, Kyle (Tiffany Keeton) Feuillerat, great-granddaughter, Allysandria Feuillerat and great-granddaughter expected April 2024, Riley Harper Helsel. He is also survived by Cousins: David (Linda) Fish, Sylvia (Rick) Fosnaugh, William Fish, Jerry (Annette Allen) Fish, Reverend Robert Heinlein and Barbara Heinlein. Also important is his

life and surviving are his brother-in-law, John S. (Sue) Nolen; sister-in-law, Susan N. (Lee) Tonne and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and valued friends. From June: When Bob and I met the very first time, my sister, Susan, said that I would never date another guy and she was right! It was the riskiest thing I have ever done in my life and I don't regret a single moment of the almost 63 years we've had together. I miss him terribly and, even though my head knows that he's at peace and in a much better place, my heart still hurts. From Robert: My dad, my hero, mentor, and friend. You can't sum up a lifetime of experiences in a paragraph. Parents and children never see eye-to-eye on everything, which show my dad and I were, especially in my teenage years. He didn't care for the music I listened to, or my hair style, but he knew it was my life and needed to live it my way. I recall when I was thinking about military service, I asked him if I should go into the Navy and he said "I'll be proud of you no matter what you decide, but it's your decision, you will be living with it, not me." One of my proudest moments was my dad, a commissioned officer, swearing me into the Army. Thanks for everything. I miss you, Dad. From Russ: My father, My dad, a great man. There are so many stories and tales to tell, but I'm going with my favorite. I was hanging out one day at a bar and my dad came to visit me, he approached one of my friends and asked them if they knew where I was (I was in the back throwing darts), my friend told me later that all he could do was look up and point, he said "that dude scared me", I laughed and said, "It's just my dad". Military services were held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street., Powell, Ohio. Visitation was held from 1:00-3:00 PM and services were conducted by Reverend Robert Heinlein beginning at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Association of Naval Aviation at: anahq.org. or Kobacker House at: foundation.ohiohealth.com or other charity of choice.



MARILYN ASCIOFFA FOEHR – Died Wednesday, January 25, 2023 in the Philip Hultar Palliative/Hospice Care Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 76. She was a resident of Warren, Rhode Island. The cause of death was lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She was born in Bristol, Rhode Island on April 12, 1946 to the late Anthony J. and Jean (née Malafronte) Ascioffa. She was the loving and dedicated wife of David C. Foehr for nearly 35 years. Marilyn was a graduate of Colt Memorial High School, Rhode Island College and attended graduate school at Louisiana State University. Early in her career she worked for the RI Department of Children and Families. For the remainder of her career, she worked as a caseworker at the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol, RI. Helping the state's war service veterans was a labor of love and dedication for which she was recognized on many occasions. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughter, Briana J. Lambert (Leah Curley) and her husband Mark, of Gainesville, VA, stepson, David C. Foehr II and his wife Susan of Providence, RI, her brother, Mark Ascioffa (Julie,) of Chattanooga, TN and sister, Nila Ascioffa of Bristol, RI, and two grandchildren, David C. Foehr III and Emma C. Foehr. She is also survived by

nephew A.J. Ascioffa, and nieces Emily Ascioffa and Meg Ascioffa. She was predeceased by her brother Neil. She also leaves behind her fourlegged love, Reilly and was the proud dog mom of Molly, Mocha and Snowball. Marilyn's faith was always strong and she loved her family at Darlington Congregational Church. She was deeply proud of her father's service in the Navy during WWII and her husband's service in the Vietnam War. Calling hours were held on Monday, January 30, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Smith Funeral and Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January, 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM from Smith Funeral and Memorial Services, 8 Schoolhouse Road, Warren, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM in the Darlington Congregational Church, 685 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, RI. The burial was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI. In lieu of flowers, donations to the RI Veterans Home, 480 Metacom Avenue, Bristol, RI or Darlington Congregational Church, 685 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, RI would be appreciated. Information/On-Line condolences please visit- www.wjsmithfh.com.



RONALD E. "Ron" FRYBERGER, SR. - Died Sunday morning, December 17, 2023 at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Conestoga, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Lancaster on September 24, 194 to the late John H. and Delores B. (née Appel) Fryberger. Ron was the husband of Susanna (née Conrad) Fryberger who preceded him in death on November 13, 2010. Ron graduated from Penn Manor High School. Ron worked for over 35 years for the former Ready Mix Concrete as a driver. He enjoyed working and helping out at the Octoraro Park and Boat Launch up until last month. Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching rodeos. He loved spending time with his grandsons. Ron was a proud and dedicated United States Veteran. He served in the United States Army receiving two Purple Hearts while stationed in Vietnam. He was a life member of Millersville-Manor VFW Post #7294 where he enjoyed helping with Wreaths across America. He supported Disabled American Veterans and volunteered with PTSD Horse Therapy and Building Bridges. He enjoyed helping out BSA Troop #88, Millersville, especially providing flags to them when needed. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter 1008**. Ron will be missed by his sons, Ronald E. Fryberger, Jr., companion of Lori Galati of Columbia and Wade E., husband of Carlyn Fryberger of Conestoga and his two grandsons, Heath and Owen Fryberger of Conestoga. Ron is also survived by his sister, Sandra Downing of New Providence and brothers, Howard, husband of Nancy Fryberger of Pequea and Lester, husband of Doris Fryberger of Conestoga. Ron was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Sigman and Dorothy Bair. Family and friends were respectfully invited to attend Ron's graveside funeral service on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Marticville UM Cemetery, 641 Marticville Road, Pequea where military honors were performed. Friends were received on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM from the Melanie B. Scheid Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, 3225 Main Street, Conestoga. Memorial remembrances may be made in Ron's memory to Building Bridges Foundation, 230 Indian Hill Road, Conestoga, PA.

CHARLES EDWARD “Charlie” FUNKHOUSER – Died Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in Woodstock, Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Basye, Virginia on February 11, 1948 to the late Athey and Clarissa Barb Funkhouser. Charlie was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Charlie proudly served his country and was a member of the VFW Post #2447 and the American Legion Post #199. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**. Charlie was a strong man who overcame many obstacles but never allowed them to dampen his spirit or enjoyment of life. He is preceded in death by his siblings, Stella, James, Robert, and Eugene. Charlie is survived by his wife, Kimberly; daughter, Angela; stepdaughters, Dee (Dale) and Amy; grandchildren, Mariah, Denzel, Clayton, Joe, and Blake; and great grandchildren, Javonte, Argustus, Zayvion, Ellizen. Charlie also leaves behind his sisters, Sheldon, Mary, Ellen, and brother, Andrew. He enjoyed bowling, playing cards, dominos, fishing, hunting, and watching his grandchildren’s sporting events. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM at VFW Post #2447 in Edinburg, VA. A meal followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #2447, 100 Veteran’s Way, Edinburg, VA 22824. Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com.



GERALD L. “Jerry” GAILOR – Died Sunday, December 31, 2023 at home in Cortland, New York at the age of 77, after a 5- year battle with cancer. He was born on February 21, 1946 to the late Robert W. and Arlene (née Dellow) Gailor. Jerry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and boating. Jerry took great pride serving his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1966-1971. During his time in the Navy, Jerry worked in Aviation Fire Control aboard aircraft carriers. He was a dedicated *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dryden Chapter #377**. In 2009 — 40 years after Jerry served — his squadron (VA 86) started biannual reunions at different cities along the East coast of the U.S. Jerry was fortunate to attend all of those up until 2021. He was also a member of the American Legion. Jerry's family would like to thank Dr. DiGiovanna, the many physicians and staff in the Upstate System, Guthrie physical therapy, and most recently all the wonderful staff at Hospicare. Jerry is survived by his loving wife of almost 55 years, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Gailor, his sons Daniel (Beth) Gailor and Donald (Jennifer Rehberg) Gailor, his sisters-in-law Donna Gailor and Carole (Paul Wittjung) Hayes Collier, his grandchildren Séamus Gailor, Nicholas (Kaitlyn) Rehberg, Logan Rehberg, Alexander Rehberg, and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his brother, Robert W. Gailor, Jr. Calling hours were held on Friday, January 12, 2024 from 4:00–6:00 PM at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Avenue, Cortland, NY. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM, at the funeral home. To stream the memorial service, visit Gerald's obituary online, and click the "Live Funeral Stream," tab. Donations can be made to Hospicare of Ithaca, 172 East King Road, Ithaca, NY, Upstate Foundation, www.upstatefoundation.org, or the Cortland Renzi Cancer Center, 34 West Main Street, Cortland, NY or charity of choice.

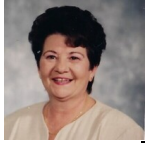


JOSÉ LUIS “Joe” GALVAN, SR. – Died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 in Cedar Hill, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Juan, Texas on August 8, 1945 to the late Margarito Galvan, Sr. and Maria (née Sosa) Galvan. Joe is survived by his wife of 22 years, Linda (née Buchannon) Galvan; son, Joseph Lee (wife, Lisa) Galvan; five grandchildren: Meghan Brittany Galvan, José Luis “Topper” (wife, Ashley) Galvan, III, JoLeigh Marie Galvan, Joshua Luke Galvan, and Michael Lee Galvan; two great-granddaughters, Adaline Rose and Alyna Lee. Joe is also survived by daughter-in-law, Clarissa Galvan and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margarito Galvan, Sr. and Maria Sosa Galvan; his son, Jose Luis Galvan, Jr; his brother, Margarito Galvan, Jr. and his two sisters, Beatriz Chavez and Rose Martinez. Joe was famously known for his devoted love to his family, country and football. He also loved his Lord and he would begin each morning in prayer, worship and devotion. He loved young people, often encouraging them to excel in their skills. He could well identify with the hardship’s life can bring, having lost his mother at the age of three. He grew up to understand the challenges life can bring. His dad cared for him and his three siblings and always wished to keep them together. However, due to his dad’s employment with the railroad, it necessitated travel which took his dad away many nights. They were often left with aunts, uncles and cousins with which to share their limited, humble dwellings. Joe became a defender of his siblings and thrived with ambition to make money as a little shoe-shine boy when he was only about seven or eight years of age. Then, became a migrant worker in the fields of south Texas to eventually a business proprietor in Irving. It took great steps of courage to achieve the level of success to which he came to enjoy. Joe was a giver from an early age, he had a big heart of compassion, often giving to those in need. He attended Donna High School and achieved a GED. At 20 years of age, he entered the United States Army, December 1965 and received basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was a brave soldier who was willing to lay down his life for our freedom. He rendered his service in the Vietnam War until he was given an honorable discharge in June of 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. Soon after his returned from military service he got married and was blessed with twin boys. In order to achieve greater success for his family, in 1968, he moved his family to the Dallas Area. He acquired a position with LTV, working in aircraft assembly. He was a high-level achiever, usually with at least two jobs and always saving for a brighter future for himself and his family. He became an apartment manager soon after moving to Irving and was greatly favored by the apartment owners, Mr. and Mrs. Crassons. He became their personal assistant in their later years, all the while maintaining his regular employment. His children became his pride and joy, raising them to become avid sports fans and members of their high school football team. He entertained many of their friends, giving parties in their home, which he eventually purchased from the estate of his employer. His son’s friend became his friends, influencing many of them and helping them along their path in life. He later became a warehouse supervisor for The Timken Company until he retired after 26 years of Service. However, he soon found other ventures. He became the owner of Mr. “G’s” Pizza Subs and Wings in Irving, TX. After retirement, he was employed by the City of Irving Parks and Recreation Dept. He worked as a lifeguard at the Heritage Senior Activity

Center. Later, became driver for the city aiding seniors in transportation to the Heritage Center. He became actively involved in Calvary Temple in Irving, TX, taking mission trips with the church group. He discovered a deeper relationship in the Lord and became active in several church activities there. In 2001 he married Linda Buchannon, together they loved traveling and enjoyed fun times together, until his health started declining. Joe was tired of the fight and was concerned of being a burden to other and just wanted to go home to be with his Lord. May his life of dedicated love and commitment to achieve have a long-lasting impact on each of us. It's not where you start in life but where you finish that really counts. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at the Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving, TX, with Reverend Jordan McKinney officiating. Friends visited on Wednesday, November 29th from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. The burial was at a future date at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu flowers memorials may be given to the Irving Chapter of the Wreaths Across American, or the charity of your choice. You may view His service with the following link <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcwMTM4NTcxMzI4MzYwMCZvb mVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>



JIM GERLOFF - Died Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in Rifle, Colorado at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dolton, Illinois in 1948. A native of Dolton, Illinois, Jim graduated from Thornridge High School in 1965 before enlisting in the United States Army. He served with the 101st and 173rd Airborne Divisions while in Vietnam between 1966 and 1972, where he earned his Combat and Infantryman Badge, two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. During his stay at Walter Reed Hospital, he met and married his love, and his nurse, Margaret "Marge" Coryell. After being honorably discharged, they returned to Dolton where they raised their four children. In their retirement years, Jim and Marge relocated to Rifle, Colorado. Jim will always be remembered as a coach and inspiration to numerous people through his involvement with Dolton Boys Baseball League, Dolton Bears Football, and the Dolton Falcons Wrestling Club. Jim served in numerous organizations including a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #153**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Vet Works, The Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Shriners, and the Organization of Freemasonry, in which he was proud to have been in 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. After morning coffee with his friends, Jim would spend most days at the golf course. He also enjoyed working around the house and refurbishing old furniture. He had an infectious laugh and loved telling stories with his friends and family. -Jim is survived by his wife, Marge; three sons, Jason (Jill), Jim (Amy), Matthew (Jen); Daughter, Kristin (Damen) Clifford; Twin brother, Gene (Karen), and sister, Sandy (Doug) Parylak. Jim will always be loved and missed by his seven grandchildren, Mackenzie, Alexa, Ella, Reese, Jack, Erica, and Matthew, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Jim's life was held in March. Memorial donations in memory of Jim can be made to the Masonic Lodge in Rifle, CO, or any Veterans organization.



CHARLOTTE ANN (née Wines) GILLESPIE – Died Wednesday December 20, 2023 in Moore, South Carolina at the age of 86. The cause of death was COVID-19. She was born in Spencer, West Virginia on November 8, 1937 to the late Walter and Beatrice (née McGlothlin) Wines. Charlotte was the beloved wife of Glenn Allen Gillespie. A proud graduate of Barboursville High School, Charlotte pursued higher education at Marshall University, Austin Peay University, and Atlanta Area Tech. She served her country with honor in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) veteran serving from 1970 to 1973. Following her military service, Charlotte dedicated her career to nursing, providing compassionate care to those in need until her well-deserved retirement. In addition to her husband, Glenn, Charlotte is survived by her son, David Bolen (Karen), residing in Flowery Branch, G.A., and her daughter, Devora McKenzie, residing in Hogansville GA. Also three grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Charlotte was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as a Past Matron. She also held a life membership with the Disabled American Veterans and served as an Adjutant, and also as a member of City Council in North Charleston for eight years. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1049**. Charlotte's commitment to her community extended to various roles, including her service on the RDA for the Naval Base, volunteer work for the Reidville Fire Station, secretary for the HOA at Saddle Brook Community, and her service on the Charleston County MAPS Committee. -In honor of Charlotte's memory, there will be no formal services at this time. The family suggests that memorials be made to Critter Connection, P.O. Box 6886, Spartanburg, SC 29304, or Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #3, 301 North Campus Boulevard, Spartanburg, SC 29301. May Charlotte rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy of service and love be remembered by all who knew her.



RICHARD WILLARD "Dick" GOTH - Died Sunday, December 31, 2023 at Agrace Hospice in Janesville, Wisconsin at the age of 81. He was a resident of Janesville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin on December 25, 1942 to the late Willard, and Hazel (née Rung) Goth. Richard "Dick" was a 1961 graduate of Verona High School and was a long-time resident of Verona. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam in 1969-1970. During his military service, he was a crew chief, mechanic, and door gunner with the 68-assault helicopter company. He was based in Bien Hoa. He was a dedicated *Life Member* of the following: **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**, VFW, American Legion and Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter 3. Dick had a fifty-year plumbing career. He was a master plumber, owning his own business, *Dick's Plumbing, Inc.*, operating out of Portage/Pardeeville. He retired in January 2014. Dick married Mary L. (née Torrance) O'Brien on September 29, 2012, at First Lutheran Church in Janesville, WI. He is survived by his wife, Mary Goth; son, Jason Goth; grandchildren, Sydney Goth, Shayla Dornack, Skylar Goth, and great-grandchildren; nephews, Tim (Sheila) Hilgendorf, Andy (Tammy) Arbuckle, Rick Hilgendorf; niece,

Kathy Hilgendorf; cousin, Carol Couillard; dear friends, Darlene Brewer, Ron (Shirley) Lewis; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Patsy Arbuckle; and son, Kevin McIntyre. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Ryan Funeral Home, 220 Enterprise Drive, Verona, WI. A visitation took place 30 minutes prior to the service, from 10:30 to 11:00 AM. To view and sign this guestbook, please visit: www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

ZANE ALLEN “Buggy” GREEN – Died Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Brookdale Senior Living in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Quicksburg, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Green was born on January 1, 1949 in New Market, Virginia to the late Abner Nelson Green and Anita Gay (née Reid) Green. He worked as a machinist at Aileen, worked at the Press in Strasburg, and helped his friend Lisa on her farm. He was a multi-decorated Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**. He is survived by his siblings, Linda Lance (Henry) of Georgia, Ellen Dellinger of Winchester, VA, Fred Green of Quicksburg, VA, Kathy Kagey (V.L.D) of Orkney Springs, VA; special aunt, Margaret Good; numerous aunts and uncles; nephews, Scott Ellison, Jeremy Ellison, Joel Kagey; nieces, Kasey Strosnider, Rebecca Clark, Morgan Hughes; and special friends, Lisa Zirkle, Donna Haldane, Maxine Zirkle and Madeline Litten. There were no services planned at this time. In honor of Zane’s love for animals, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Shenandoah County, P.O. Box 173, Woodstock, VA 22664. Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com. The arrangements were made by the Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.



GARY L. GREENWALD - Died Friday, January 19, 2024 at home in Wilson, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Lockport, New York on November 11, 1945 to the late Levi Greenwald and Alice (née Zastrow) Greenwald. He was the husband of Karen (née Glover) Greenwald. Gary served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, where he served 3 tours of duty. He worked for the Village of Wilson. Gary loved the Outdoors, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and helping anybody with a project. He was a member of the Wilson Conservation club, Wilson American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**, Ridgewood Bible Church and was a Boy Scout Leader. Father of Frederick Greenwald. Grandfather of Skyler Greenwald. Brother of Vallie (Gary) Alt, Carlton “Corky” (Kelly) Greenwald and the late Brenda Donovan. Brother-in-law of Roger Donovan, Christine Nagao and Marsha (DeWaine) Florez. Uncle of Aaron Greenwald, Matthew (Andrea) Greenwald, Carlene (Joe) Butler, Ben (Becky) Wortkoetter, Andy Wortkoetter, Michael Dethlefs, Dennis Dethlefs and Bonnie Brunner. Also survived by 7 great-nieces and great-nephews and many cousins. Gary also leaves behind his beloved dog “Teddy Bear”. A Memorial service was held on Saturday February 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the Ridgewood

Bible Church, 7073 Ridge Road, Lockport, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations to Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY 14094 or Ridgewood Bible Church.



JACK GORDON GRIMM - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 78. He was a resident of Louisville, previously of Edina and Saint Paul, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on May 13, 1944. He is preceded in death by his wife, Julie, and stepchildren, Matt (Kate) Virnig, and Tom Virnig. Jack is survived by Christina Harney (Peter); grandchildren, Isla and Liam, Pam Virnig and a brother, Gary Grimm (Ann). He was born and raised in Saint Paul, and attended Central High School, the University of Minnesota and Concordia College. Jack served in the United States Army, an officer in the Vietnam War, recipient of the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He was a proud member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity, a 35-year member of AA, a Kentucky Colonel, an Eagle Scout, a member of the NRA and a long suffering Minnesota Viking's fan. Jack served as Mayor for the City of Manor Creek, Jack's professional career included years in the travel industry, both as agent and tour director. Later, after obtaining personal sobriety, he worked in the substance abuse field for several managed healthcare companies in Minneapolis. After moving to Kentucky, he served as supervisor of the uniformed guard force at the Federal Building in Louisville, as well as being a KY State Firearms instructor and security consultant. Jack enjoyed antiques, flea marketing, and the unconditional love of his two cockers, Seamus and Tyra, and later his pitbull, Binx, and newest member of the family, Nala. He was a conservative by nature, a convert to the Roman Catholic faith; a member of the Cathedral of the Assumption where he volunteered as a hospitality and funeral liturgical minister. His humor was dry, often sarcastic, and occasionally purposeful. Jack was compassionate, a voice for those unable to speak, all God's creatures. "It is finished; well done my good and faithful servant." A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 South 5th Street before cremation. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Ratterman Funeral Home, where Jack was a funeral home attendant, 3711 Lexington Road, Saint Matthews. Per Jack's request, PLEASE, in lieu of flowers, consider a contribution Sisters of Charity of Nazareth or charity to supports dogs of your choice.



ENRIQUE XAVIER "Rick" GUTIERREZ – Died on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in

Brownsville, Texas on July 29, 1943 to the late Enrique B. and Celia (née Rocha) Gutierrez. He was a kind, gentle soul that never met a stranger. Although he was a petite man, his heart was bigger than Texas. Rick proudly served his country in the United States Army. As a proud veteran, he dedicated his life as a servant leader for his community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria Lantz Gutierrez; parents, Enrique Blanco & Celia Rocha Gutierrez; brothers, Johnny Gutierrez, George Gutierrez, and Ernesto Antonio Cordova. He is survived by his son, Eric Thomas Gutierrez, Sr. and wife, Yvonne; grandchildren: Nicholas Ryan Gutierrez, Johnathan Paul Gutierrez, and Eric Thomas Gutierrez, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Ryan Lee Gutierrez and Amelia Rose Gutierrez; siblings: sister, Alma Marie Balderas of Cypress, Texas; brother, Richard Rocha and wife, Lynn of Midland, Texas; sister, Corinna Brown and husband, Richard of Georgetown, Texas; brother, Gerald Gutierrez of Baytown, Texas; brother, Alfred Gutierrez and wife, Deborah of Baytown, Texas; sister, Tina Neff and husband, Van of Dallas, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews, and his second family, VVA Chapter #922. Honored to serve as pallbearers were Nicholas Ryan Gutierrez, Johnathan Paul Gutierrez, Eric Thomas Gutierrez, Jr., Joseph Rivera, Don Bobo, and Howard Brault. The Honorary Pallbearer was Ryan Lee Gutierrez. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 18, 2022 at the Navarre Funeral Home, 2444 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, TX. Rick was laid to rest with full military honors presented by the United States Army in conjunction with the Baytown Veterans Ceremonial Guard at Sterling White Cemetery in Highlands, TX. We would like to extend a special thanks to: Traditions Hospice, VVA Chapter #922, Rosendo Lopez, Tisa Lopez, Joseph Rivera and Gerald Gutierrez.

FRANCISCO B. GUZMAN – Died Monday, January 15, 2024 in Salisbury, North Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Salvador on September 17, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**.



JAMES PAUL "Jim" HAUKE DAHL (USN, CPO-Ret.) – Died Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Sanford Hospice House in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 71, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Fargo. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1949 in Williston, North Dakota to the late Margie and John Haukedahl, who lived in Wildrose, ND. His family moved to Fargo in 1960 where he attended school and college. Following college, Jim enlisted in the Navy and spent two years on active duty in Adak, Alaska. He then joined the United States Naval Reserves and retired as Chief Petty Officer after 21 years. When he returned to Fargo from Alaska, Jim worked at the Veterans Administration, then Scheels, and retired from Kallod Carpeting. Jim will be remembered forever for his kindness and generosity. Jim was active at Hope Lutheran Church where he helped start the Veterans of Hope program, worked with the prayer cross ministry and in other areas. He volunteered at the Fargo Veterans Administration Hospital for many years, including service as an Honors Escort and in the No Veteran Dies Alone Program. He was active in the Disabled American Veterans, serving as Commander of the North

Dakota DAV and being appointed Honorary Deputy Chief of Staff to the National Commander in recognition of his exemplary volunteer service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. He served on the Board of Review for Boy Scouts earning their Eagle Scout badge. Jim was proud to be an Eagle Scout himself. Jim loved spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, golfing and being at his lake home. Jim is survived by his wife, Linda, and daughter, Erika, both of Fargo; brother, Mark (Cathy); niece, Kari (Ben); nephew, Brett (Amber) all of Minneapolis; special grandnephew; two special grandnieces; niece, Jennifer (Thomas); niece, Amy (Michael); nephew, Mark (Ling), all in Minnesota; as well as many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marjorie Haukedahl, grandparents, Ole and Kari Haukedahl, Paul and Olga Gillund. A special thanks to the nurses and staff at the Sanford Hospice House for their wonderful care of Jim. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Sanford Hospice House, Hope Lutheran Church, or a charity of your choice. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Hope Lutheran Church - North Campus, Fargo, ND. The service was livestreamed and made available to view later all on the funeral home website. Visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral service. The burial was held at the Riverside Cemetery in Fargo, ND. James' funeral service was livestreamed on this link 2:00 PM on Monday, March 15, 2021: <https://boxcast.tv/view/jim-haukedahl-service-fzwmqah9ifxt1ob1zwr>. James' Tribute Video can be viewed and copies ordered here: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/C4L4FKQPQY2HX2BQ>.

ROBERT E. HEARN – Died Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in Los Altos, California at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 14, 1945. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**.

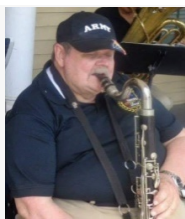


KENNETH JOSEPH "Ken" HEIMAN, SR. - Died Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 73, with family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1950. Ken was a welder by trade, a Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Army and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**, a bodybuilder, and an artist. He loved weightlifting and praising the Lord. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna (née Hansen), his son, Kenny Jr. (Regina Spagnola) and grandson Marco Heiman. Loving brother to the late Ronald (Maureen), the late Nicholas (the late Carol) the late Judy (John) Shaw, Carol (the late Sam) Palomar, Marlyn (Steve) Davis, Diane (Eric) Schaum, and Amelia (Ray) Gaeding. Fond uncle to Ronald, Kirk, and Kelly Heiman, Nicole and Diana Heiman, Brian Shaw, Christina and Adam Palomar, Kimberly and Jennifer Rhodes, Stevie and Sarah Gaeding, Linda and Troy Taylor, Joanna and Jonathon Hurst, and Catherine Wilson. In addition to his aforementioned brothers and sister, he joins his parents William and Lorraine, as well as his nephews, Joseph Heiman and Paul Taylor, in Heaven.



JOHN PETER HERPST (USA, CW\$-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Cascade Creek Memory Care in Rochester, Minnesota at the age of 90. He was a resident of Mondovi, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. John was born on November 12, 1932 in Elmwood, Wisconsin to the late Elizabeth (née Wild) Herpst and John Herpst. He graduated from Elmwood High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he was awarded the Outstanding Leadership in Education Award in 1975, and received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. He served the Mondovi Public Schools for 34 years as a Science and Math teacher, Guidance Counselor, High School Principal and Superintendent of Schools. He served as president-elect of the Wisconsin Association of Secondary School Principals. He was a volunteer instructor for AARP, teaching their Senior Drivers course. John was especially proud to have served in the United States Army Security Agency in Korea during the Korean War. After his term of active service, he joined the active US Army Reserve where he served an additional 37 years for a total of 40 years and 3 months. He attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4, served as the supply warrant officer for the 397th Engineer Battalion in Eau Claire and later served as the Food Service Advisor for the 88th US Army Reserve Command headquartered at Fort Snelling. Of several earned medals, he was especially proud of the two Army Commendation Medals, a Meritorious Achievement Medal and a Legion of Merit medal. He was a member of the Mondovi American Legion, VFW and Military Officers Association of America. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #005**. John was a member of the Mondovi Lions Club for over 50 years. He served as president and was awarded the Melvin Jones Humanitarian Achievement Award. John was very proud to have been chosen as the Grand Marshall of the Mondovi Fourth of July parade in 2022. On February 9, 1957 he married Yvonne Brunner at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Arkansaw, WI. They were married 58 years at Yvonne's death in 2015. John and Yvonne took full advantage of retirement spending winters in Florida, Hawaii and Arizona, traveling in the US and to foreign countries, visiting and making friends everywhere they went. Even before retirement, there was always a summer vacation. The girls and grandchildren inherited the travel bug and travel as much as they can. John and Yvonne enjoyed entertaining family and friends (Christmas and Easter celebrations, Fourth of July brunches and the pre-Thanksgiving cocktail parties). He also enjoyed silversmithing, collector cars (he especially enjoyed his convertibles), visiting the casinos and meeting the guys for morning coffee. John had a life well lived. John is survived by daughters Nan (Ken) Hall of Minneapolis, MN, Meg Schimek of Rochester, MN and grandchildren, Madisen Schimek of Los Angeles, CA and Tristan Schimek of Austin, MN; sisters-in-law, Elaine Brunner, Jeanette Elbina and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne; parents, Elizabeth and John Herpst; brother, Darrell Herpst and sister, Ruth Shott. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Mondovi with Reverend Father Timothy Reither officiating. Friends visited one hour prior to the service at the Church. The burial with military honors was accorded at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Mondovi. Lunch was served after the

services. Special thanks to the caregivers and staff at Saint Croix Hospice, Hillview Senior Living and Cascade Creek Memory Care.



EDDIE RAY "Ed" HESKETT – Died Friday, August 25, 2023 in Corpus Christi, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born on January 10, 1947 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to the late Raymond and Pauline Heskett. Growing up in McCamey, Texas, he attended Texas Tech University for a semester in 1965 before joining the United States Army. Serving in Vietnam, he received the Vietnam Service Ribbon and Medal. He later received his Bachelor's degree from Angelo State University in 1974 and took graduate classes at Corpus Christi University. A loving man, Ed met his wife Sue through mutual friends in Stephenville, Texas. The two were married on October 22, 1983. He was a retired chemist with the City of Corpus Christi who worked in the Health Department laboratory and Water Utilities lab and retired in 2007 after thirty-two years. He enjoyed a good meal of beef enchiladas or any kind of shrimp, followed by carrot cake and a diet Coke or Iced Tea. He liked watching Castle and The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, and always rooted for the Texans and the Arizona Cardinals. Very proud of his service in Vietnam, Ed was a patriotic man who loved his country. He was a member of the Veteran's Band of Corpus Christi, serving as the personnel director. He loved listening to and playing with the band and made many wonderful memories on all the band trips, including those to Las Vegas. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #28 in Corpus Christi, the VFW Post #2397, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corpus Christi Chapter #910**. Ed leaves behind his wife Sue Heskett, his adoptive daughter, Cheryl Earhart, and her black lab Lance and numerous cousins. He is reunited with his parents Pauline and Raymond Heskett and all the past Veterans Band members. His family would like to acknowledge the Veterans Band of Corpus Christi members for the joy they brought to Ed's life. In order to honor Ed's life, there was a visitation on Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service – Morgan Avenue. The family arrived at the Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service- Morgan Avenue on Monday September 11, 2023 at 12:00 Noon to leave in procession for the Committal Service at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery.



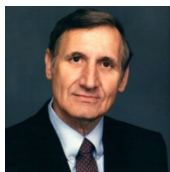
DONALD A. "Don" HETZEL - Died Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at his home in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Donald was born in Wisconsin Rapids on December 9, 1945 to the late John and Leona (née Rehberg) Hetzel. Don was known for always lending a hand and offering support when it was needed most. He was a

talented craftsman, a lover of nature, and a devoted member of his community. His life was a testament to the power of kindness and the importance of service to others. Donald was born and raised in Wisconsin Rapids, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1964. Don married Ruth Winslow on October 16, 1971, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Bayfield, WI. They were blessed with 41 years of marriage until her passing on December 30, 2012. His professional journey saw him work for Preway for over two decades and worked for over twenty-two years as a maintenance man at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home. He had a profound sense of duty, which led him to proudly serve his country as a communication specialist in the United States Army for two years. Donald was an active member of both the VFW Post #2534 and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101*. His faith played an integral role in his life, which is evinced by his active participation in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Wisconsin Rapids. Beyond his professional and civic duties, Don had a profound love for nature and craftsmanship. He found joy in tending to his flower and vegetable gardens, creating a vibrant sanctuary teeming with life. With his talent for woodworking, he crafted beautiful yard decorations, sharing his passion with everyone. He was a frequent attendee at tractor shows, proudly showcasing his Farmall H tractor. He cherished his special bond with his son, and he considered his sister not only a sibling but his best friend. Donald is survived by his son Phillip (Darlene) Hetzel; siblings: Marlene Henke, and Ronald (Bonnie) Hetzel; grandchildren: Aubrey (James) Welsh, Jake (Aimee) Obermayr, Ben (Jeanna) Obermayr, Carly (Dallin) Renner; great-grandchildren: Carter, Samuel, Cayden, Connor, Rory, Kashton and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth, parents John and Leona, grandparents, brother-in-law Danny Henke and niece Karen Hetzel. He is also preceded by his favorite companions Sparky and O'Reilly. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids. The burial was at the Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation was from 9:00 AM until the time of service on Monday at the funeral home.



JAMES ROBERT “Jim” HOFFMAN - Died Sunday, August 6, 2023 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on May 5, 1947 to the late Vernon and Christine (née Trepanier) Hoffman. On August 16, 1970, Jim Hoffman was born again and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He graduated from Appleton West high school in 1965 and joined the United States Navy in 1966. He married Monica Cleveland on April 29, 1967. The Navy sent Jim to the Mekong Delta and rivers of Vietnam in 1968 where he served in combat on Swift Boats. After returning to Wisconsin he worked as a commercial printer for Milprint in DePere, WI. On July 30, 1977, Jim and Monica surrendered their lives for full-time ministry and went on the missionary trip to Mexico and that changed the course of their life. Jim quit commercial printing and used his printing talent to produce millions of copies of the Bible and for distribution around the World in addition to leading many youth groups and individuals on missionary trips. In 1979, the Hoffmans came to Wyldewood Baptist Church where they continued to serve as Director of the Bearing Precious Seed and Scandinavians for Christ ministries. Jim and Monica celebrated 45 years in full-time ministry together in 2023. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of*

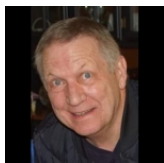
America – Oshkosh Chapter #437. Jim was preceded in death by his parents Vernon H. Hoffman of Appleton, WI and Christine M. Anders of Green Bay, WI, parent-in-laws Elton and Betty Cleveland of Oconto Falls, WI; sisters Sharon Yacoub of Green Bay, WI, Jacqueline Michaletz of Crivitz, WI; and brothers-in-law George Cleveland of Suamico, WI. and Robert Gegare of Green Bay WI. Jim is survived by his wife, Monica and children: Michael (Heidi) Hoffman of Kenosha, WI; Kimberly (Rick) Brown of Zion, IL; Daniel (Angela) Hoffman of Ripon, WI and Benjamin (Rebecca) Hoffman of Marshfield, WI; fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; also step-father David Anders of Green Bay, WI and sisters Beverly (James) Roberts of Appleton, WI and Diana Vankauwenberg of Green Bay, WI; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed Yacoub of Skokie, IL; Jim (Pamela) Cleveland of Lady Lake, FL; Mary Jo (Dennis) Wennesheimer of Howard, WI; Richard (Judy) Cleveland of Suamico, WI; Tim Michaletz of Oconto, WI. and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Friday, August 11, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Fiss and Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, 865 South Westhaven Drive, Oshkosh, WI. The visitation resumed on Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 9:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM at the Wyldewood Baptist Church, 3030 Witzel Avenue, Oshkosh, WI. The interment was at 2:00 PM at the Ellenwood Cemetery, 2010 Washburn Road, Oshkosh, WI. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to Scandinavians for Christ ministry at Wyldewood Baptist Church.



ROBERT DEAN HOPPER (USA, CW3-Ret,) - Died Wednesday, December 27, 2023 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1937 in East Saint Louis, Illinois to the late Edward F. Hopper and Mary (née Timmons) Hopper. He resided and attended school in East St. Louis until enlisting in the United States Army at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on November 14, 1954. He married Shirley Jean Hunter on September 5, 1955 in East St. Louis and she accompanied him on tours of military duty to Kenia, Alaska, Fort Bliss, Texas, Mainz and Schwabisch Gmund Germany. His final military tour saw him serving as a Pershing Missile System instructor in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 1972-1975. He retired from the U.S. Army on July 31, 1975 at Fort Sill in the grade of Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW-3). His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal 4th award, Professional Development Ribbon, the Pershing Professional Badge and the Loyal Order of Saint Barbara medal. Upon his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1975 he was formally presented with the German Air Force Gold Wings Award by the Republic of Germany Air Force for his performance of duty in providing instruction and training to German Air Force Students on the Pershing Missile System. Following retirement from the military he entered civil service and was employed as a training specialist in the Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization (DOES) responsible for observing and evaluating reserve and National Guard operations and training. In his capacity as training specialist he served as a member of a U.S. Army training/evaluation team responsible for conducting evaluations of 13 MOS Training at N.C.O. Academies Worldwide. While working civil service he attended night classes at Cameron University completing his

education by attaining an Associate Degree (AS) in 1979 and a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in 1983. Following graduation, he was employed as an adjunct professor, teaching night classes in business technology at Cameron University. In April 1989 he was elected a director of the Fort Sill Federal Credit Union, (FSFCU) serving in various positions on the board before being elected Board Chairman by his peers in 1994. In 1995 he was elected to serve on the Mid-West Defense Sub. Council Board of Director's. Serving three years as 1st Vice Chair before being appointed Chairman of the Board, and serving in that position until his retirement in May of 2016. In 2005 Robert was nominated to serve as the Region V Representative to the National Association of the Federal Credit Union (NAFCU) Board of Directors. He is a former member of the National Association of Credit Union Chairmen (NACUC) and has written several articles for publication in the NACUC Journal. During Robert's tour of duty as board chairman the FSFCU was seven times voted Army Credit Union of the Year. In 2003, in recognition of his dedication and support to the Defense Credit Union movement he was formally inducted into the Defense Credit Union Council (DCUC) Hall of Honor during its annual meeting in San Diego, California. Robert was a member of the Military Officers Association of America, The Field Artillery Association of America, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #750*, The Pershing Professionals Association, Retired Officers Association, Cameron Alumni Association, and The Knights of Columbus Council #1287. Robert Hopper and wife Shirley of 68 years, reside in Lawton where they were both active in numerous volunteer activities in the Lawton/Fort Sill Community. They were together awarded the 1995 Fort Sill Volunteer Service "Helping Hands Award" for outstanding volunteer service to the military community. In 1999 they were honored as the Knights of Columbus Council 1287 "Family of the Year" for exceptional service to the council, church and community. For many years they provided Pre-Cana (pre-marriage) instruction to couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. For the last four years they were both volunteers at the Military Welcome Center (MWC) welcoming and greeting incoming and departing military personnel and their family members. Both were active in numerous religious ministries in the Catholic community at Fort Sill. They led a Monday night Novena prayer service for 15 consecutive years at Grierson Hill Chapel. Robert served many years as a Lay Eucharistic Minister responsible for visiting and delivering communion to parish members confined to their home or admitted to Reynolds Army Hospital. Once a month for ten consecutive years he conducted communion and prayer service for military detainees at the Fort Sill confinement facility. He served 15 years as lead Church Lector, and served on the Church Parish Council many years as both President and 1st Vice President of the council. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Mary Hopper, sister, Billy Jean Miller of Belleville, Illinois and brother, John (Jack) Hopper of Caseyville, Illinois. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Shirley; sons, David who resides in Germany and Michael who resides in Lawton, son, James and wife Debra of Benbrook, Texas, son, Ronald Todd and wife Cheryl of Lawton; a daughter, Debra MacInnes of Norman, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Jamie Schweigert, Robert J. Hopper and wife Teri, Billy Hopper, Cale Stumpff, Bailey Hopper, Zackary Hopper, Tyler Strayer and Gabriel Westfall; great grandchildren, Alihas Hopper, Melina Hopper, Robert Hopper, Racheal Westfall, Hayden Strayer, Zac Cotter, Jaxon Cotter, Rylie Pool and Presley Schweigert. A Mass of Christian Burial for CW3 (Retired) Robert Dean Hopper was celebrated at 11:30 AM on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Reverend Father Ray Ackerman, Pastor officiating. The burial with full military honors was in Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma under the

direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 4:00 until 6:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home, with a Rosary recited at 6:00 PM in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. The Mass will live-streamed via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgHN5r25vRY>. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to Saint Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.



MICHAEL D. HUNDRIESER - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 14, 1944 to the late Jules Hundrieser and Anne (née Collins) Hundrieser. Michael served in the United States Army During the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242** and was a retired Chicago Fire Department Engineer. Michael is survived by his wife, Michelle (née Jacobs) Hundrieser; his five children, Julie Damasky, Tim (Christine) Hundrieser, Kate (Scott) Fabsits, Greg (Mary) Hundrieser, and Daniel Hundrieser; eleven grandchildren, Tyler (Eli), Josh (Emma), Abigail, Cassie, Connor, Carah, Charlotte, Clare, Cameron, Owen and Mikayla; as well as his siblings, John (Trudy), Paul (Christa), Mary Anne (Larry), and sister in laws, Janice, Karen, and Dana; he was brother-in-law and uncle to many. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jules Hundrieser and Anne Hundrieser (nee Collins); son in law, Todd Damasky; grandson, Christopher Fabsits; and his siblings, Donald (Jackie), Pat (Karen), Edwin (Janice), Jimmy, and David (Dana). Michael was a kind and friendly man who was first to offer his help. He was a saver, one being his collection of screws, nails, nuts, and bolts all in specific jars. He had many different items that helped in his solutions to repair things, a true "Rube Goldberg". He spent hours in his garage workshop with WGN talk radio keeping him informed. He was a talented artist with a creative mind, even building funny items to make us laugh. He was a loving and true family man who showed up for all of us and left our family with wonderful, fun, and happy memories. He will be cherished and missed always. A visitation was held on Saturday, December 16th from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon at the Olson Burke-Sullivan Funeral and Cremation Center, 6771 North Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL, with a service to celebrate his life at 12:00 Noon.



BILLY JOE HUNNICUT - Died Friday, December 8, 2023 at his home in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 79, surrounded by all his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. Billy Joe was born in Linden on December 5, 1944 to the late Ross Hunnicut and Hessie (née Trull) Broadway. He was a graduate of Perry County School, Class of 1963. He was a United States Air Force Veteran, having enlisted and served 8 years in the Air Force and spent 20 years in the Army National Guard. He retired from the State of Tennessee after 20 years of being a Counselor at Turney Center in Centerville, Tn. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123**. In addition to his parents he is also preceded in death by a brother Jerry Wayne Broadway and a son-in-law Mickey Moore. Survivors include his wife of 48 years

Wylodean Richardson, daughters Kim (Billy) Motes of Trenton and Keri (Steven) Nuss of Linden, a sister June (Jerry) Ray of Linden, a brother Jeff (Norma) Broadway of Linden, a sister-in-law Barbara Broadway of Linden, grandchildren Eason and Jakob Moore, Joseph Nuss and Raylee Motes, a special couple George (Sherry) Lineberry who he thought of as family, several loving nieces and nephews that he loved with all his heart and a host of other loving family members and many, many friends.



THOMAS EARL "Tiny" HUTCHINSON (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at his home in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas was born on July 30, 1944 in California and raised in Rhode Island where he attended parochial schools. Thomas was of the Presbyterian faith. In 1965 he joined the United States Army and proudly served for 20 plus years before retiring as a Master Sergeant. He served in 2 tours in Vietnam and Desert Storm. After his military retirement he returned to work at the U. S. Postal Office in Providence, Rhode Island. He later retired to Southwest Florida. Thomas was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Mason York Rite- Knights Templar, Vietnam Brotherhood, and Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Myers Chapter #594**. He was preceded in death by Uncle Norman and Aunt Rachael Rowey, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Soucie. He is survived by wife, Deborah Hutchinson; two sons and daughter-in-law, John and Marcie Hutchinson, of Michigan and Steven Hutchinson, of Germany; two stepsons, Stefan Coisson, of Illinois and Ryan Coisson, of Texas; cousins, Becky Rowey, of Rhode Island, Norman Rowey, of Indiana and Karen Julian, of North Carolina, and; four grandchildren. The family received friends from 2:00 until 2:30 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston. Memorial Service with full military honors by Roane County Military Memorial Honor Guard and the U. S. Army at 2:30 PM in the Kyker Chapel with Pastor Todd Adams officiating. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. The Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston served the Hutchinson Family.

CHARLES P. INFANTINO – Died Tuesday, September 26, 2023 in Williamsville, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on May 7, 1944. He entered the service with the United States Army on January 23, 1969 and did a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 1969 to June 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.



DANIEL ANTHONY "Dan" "Danny" INGELLIS – Died Tuesday, January 9, 2024 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born In New York City, New York on October 6, 1946. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. He was a Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame Board Member and a retired New York Police Department Detective. He authored "Deferred Glory: Heroes of the Negro Baseball Leagues" Staten Island

Sorts Hall of fame Board Member Dan Ingellis, who authored “Deferred Glory: Heroes of the Negro Baseball Leagues.” The book was inspired by his late friend Andy Mele, the Advance’s Memories Columnist for a decade until his passing last summer. For years, Ingellis used to do research for Mele’s books. The book is currently being sold on Amazon.com for \$15.99 for the paperback and \$9.99 for the Kindle edition. According to Amazon, “Deferred Glory: Heroes of the Negro Baseball Leagues” is about the lives, struggles and desire of negroes to one day become professional baseball players in the Major Leagues. During this period of their lives, these players while playing in the Negro League endured tough traveling to ballparks in cities both in the South and North in order to play baseball. They suffered through segregation mostly in the South both on and off the field. These men withstood horrible treatment because of their dreams to become Major League baseball players. Eventually, these thirty-five players and executives were inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Unfortunately, many were inducted posthumously. So stop by Leidy’s and purchase a book and get it signed or have the book in your possession signed by the author.



RICHARD PARKER “Rick” INGOGLIA - Died Sunday, Christmas Eve, December. 24, 2023 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 79. After long battles with strokes and dementia, he passed away peacefully with his wife, Gail, by his side. He was born in New York City on May 9, 1944 to the late Richard P. Ingoglia and Mary Anne (née Muirhead) Ingoglia. Shortly after his birth they moved to Detroit, Michigan to be closer to their entire family. He was a proud United States Air Force veteran, serving in Vietnam in the 1960’s. Upon returning home, he graduated from Walsh College on the GI bill and started his life-long career in the medical equipment field. Rick made a career out of helping people. He began working with his father at American Hospital Equipment Co in Detroit then branched off on his own to spend 25 years as president of Ingoglia Medical Services (IMS). He later started Veterans Medical Services (VMS) where he sold lifting equipment to Veterans Administration hospitals across the United States. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. Rick will be remembered as a loving genuine soul. He was everyone’s friend and, of course, he always had that great big smile wherever he went. A natural athlete, Rick enjoyed competition and teaching moments with his family and friends. He enjoyed, skiing, water sports, sailing and powerboating with his wife Gail. He was also an accomplished guide for Blind Skiers in downhill races. His positive energy and attitude was contagious to all who shared life with Rick. Rick is survived by his wife, Gail of 38 years, his sons, Scott (Dawn) and Todd, (Carol). He was a proud grandfather of Faith, Scott and Julia. Rick is also survived by his brother David (Jo Ann). He leaves behind extended family and many friends. A Celebration of Rick’s Life was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 11:30 AM-3:00 PM. A formal service with military honors started at 12:00 Noon. The celebration was held at the Dignity Memorial Life Celebration Center, 7134 Powell Road, Wildwood, FL. In lieu of flowers consider a donation, in his name, to Combat Veterans to Careers, located at 400 East Gulf Atlantic Highway (Highway 44), Wildwood Fl. Website: www.combatveteranstocareers.org.

Please visit www.dignitymemorialwildwood.com to leave an online condolence and to watch his memorial video of photos.



CHARLES E. "Sonny" INGRAM – Died Sunday, December 24, 2023 in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in West Point, Georgia on November 27, 1950 to the late Charles L. Ingram and Lula (née Ramsey) Ingram. His father, Charles L. Ingram was a career military man (US Army – 32 years) and his mother, Lula Ramsey Ingram, was a homemaker. He accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of his maternal grandfather, the late Reverend Ed Ramsey, at the Love Union Baptist Church. "Sonny" or "Sonny boy" as he was affectionately known by his family was the second child out of five and was the first male. His paternal grandmother, Alma Ingram, often called him "Bubba", but no one else used that nickname. Between 1958 and 1962, Charles lived in Bamberg, Germany with his family as a military dependent. Upon returning to the United States, the family was stationed at Fort Benning (renamed Fort Moore in 2023) in Columbus, GA. During the next six years, Sonny spent extensive amounts of time as a carpenter apprentice and general construction "goffer" during the summers. This exposure to the building and construction trades included carpentry, plumbing, painting, basic electrical work and other skills and was guided by uncles and cousins from the maternal side of the family (the Ramsey's). These experiences and training shaped much of Charles' life. Between his training and innate abilities, Charles developed into a gifted artist. He explored most artistic mediums – writing poetry, painting, sculpture, woodworking, drawing and stained-glass work. Sonny graduated from his beloved Baker High School (Columbus, GA) in 1969. Although Charles had the fervent desire, rich talent and strong skills to attend professional art school after completing high school, his family's economic constraints at that time along with less than stellar academic grades made attending art school financially impossible. Instead, he enlisted in the United States Army where he trained as a helicopter mechanic and crew chief. Charles spent a year in combat in Vietnam and the horrors of that war profoundly impacted all aspects of the rest of his life. Some of his dearest and closest friends are members of a group of veterans who experienced the same traumas. Sonny was honorably discharged from active duty in 1983 and completed his military service in the Army Reserves. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233*. After leaving active duty, Charles served in the US Civil Service from 1983 -1995, where he worked as an equipment specialist for Army helicopters. In 1995, Sonny moved to Somerset, NJ and several years later, joined the Salvation Army in Newark and Trenton, NJ. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in 2003. During his service with the Salvation Army, Sonny operated the Outreach Canteen Ministry Truck and was recognized with a citywide commendation in prevention and recovery for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Trenton, NJ. After leaving the Salvation Army in 2010, Charles was licensed as an Associate Minister at Shiloh Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend William H. Ingram, Sr. who is his brother. Charles faithfully served there until his death. His special calling as a Christian was to be an ambassador for Christ in the area of evangelism. God gave him a bold spirit to speak to any and every one about Jesus. He would talk to strangers on the street, people in

restaurants...anywhere, and because of his ability to engage with others and his persistence, he delivered many souls to Christ. He was active in supporting and mentoring men and women who needed drug detoxification and rehabilitation. During the 2011 – 2023-time period, Charles worked as a carpenter/general contractor and completed many jobs for local homeowners and businesses in the Elizabeth/Edison/Metuchen areas and beyond. He was excellent in his craft and was well liked by his professional peers and coworkers. Charles' 73 years on this earth were filled with trials and tribulations, but God was merciful and good to him. In spite of developing lung cancer late in his life from exposure to burn pits and Agent Orange, he was filled with an appreciation for life, enjoyed good food, had a host of close friends and loved his family. He died the evening of December 25, 2023, at the Lyons VA Hospice unit after a two-year battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by both parents (father – Charles L. Ingram in 2007 and mother – Lula R. Ingram in 2012). Charles is survived by: four siblings Charlotte L. Ingram; William H. Ingram, Sr. (Ann); Christallia D. Garza (Robert); L. Ingram (Joy); nephew William H. Ingram Jr(Elisa); niece Keisha A. Ingram; nephew Christopher D. Black (Marlinda); niece Joy Michelle Ingram; nephew Robert Ingram; nephew Derron B. Black; nephew Aaron L. Ingram(Kirsten); beloved first cousins Paul D. Brown (Wanda), Edmond Brown (Deneen) and many other cherished cousins and dear friends. Sonny will be fondly and dearly missed. Sorrowfully submitted, The Ingram Family.

CHARLES J. JACKSON, SR. – Died Monday, January 1, 2024 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 17, 1941. He was married to his wife, Maxine Jackson for 60 years. They had two children, Michelle and Charles, Jr. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. The viewing was from 9:00-10:50 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Saint Peter's Baptist Church. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM, officiated by minister Pastor Kevin Van Hook. The interment was in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.



STEPHEN WILLIAM JAFFE - Died Friday, November 3, 2023 in Richmond, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 18, 1945 and graduated from Shades Valley High School and Jacksonville State College in Alabama. He then joined the United States Army and served in Japan for 2 years and reenlisted to serve 2 more years in Vietnam. He reached the rank of Sergeant at time of discharge, and continued to honor all service members returning home through his work with the Vietnam Veterans of America group. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #343**. After his return from Vietnam, he met the love of his life, Donna Drenner and they married on June 15, 1973. They just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their friends and family present. After marrying Donna, Stephen went to night school at the University of Houston to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and started working for government agencies for the next 20 years. Stephen worked in the Savings and Loan business, and helped with the Resolution Trust Company and found his favorite job at the TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage

Commission) for the next 12 years. In his retirement, Stephen committed to working with all veterans who needed honor services and helped with their funeral services. He was a Lifetime member of organizations including the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #343 and VFW Post #9183 Katy. As well, he was involved in the American Legion Post #164 Katy, and the National Rifle Association. He was always assisting with parades, fund raising, and honor services when needed. To support local law enforcement, Stephen was the current president of the Richmond Police Department Citizen's Academy Alumni Association and treasurer of the Fort Bend County Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Stephen was CERT for Fort Bend along with being an avid marksman. Stephen volunteered with several organizations including Bo's Place for over 20 years, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, Behind the Badge Fort Bend County, and the concession stand at the Rice Football games for the Vietnam Veterans of America. His grandchildren and friends alike affectionately knew him as "Nemo", which allowed him to share funny stories and his love of cats with everyone. He was the ultimate carpool driver for his grandchildren and told many stories of history and Texas. Military and general history created his vast knowledge he always shared. Stephen accepted everyone as they were and cared about family and friends above himself. His goal in life was to protect his family and have fun every day. Stephen is survived by his wife Donna of 50 years; daughter Lauren Rios (Baldemar); grandchildren Malloy Rios (Maverick Pitts), Mia Rios; Stepson Duane LaFollett (Greta); Step-grandchildren Brittany LaFollett, Brad LaFollett (Lyndsey); cousins and other family members. If desired, donations can be made to the following: Bo's Place, www.bosplace.org any Veteran's Organizations or any Animal Shelters in your area. A Celebration of Life was held at The Settegast-Kopf Company @ Sugar Creek, 15015 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the Morrow Chapel. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.settegastkopf.com for the Jaffe family.



STEPHEN D. "Steve" JAMESON - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. Steve was born in Petaluma, California on January 3, 1948 to the late Darol and Veva Jameson, the second of four children. Steve spent his youth in Petaluma, with summers at the family cattle ranch in Trinity County. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings Susan Jameson and Brent Jameson. Steve had a lifelong yearning to educate himself and was able to discuss almost any topic with more than basic knowledge. Early years at Saint Vincent's elementary school he perfected his writing skills, even memorizing the prepositions which he could still recite them in alphabetical order. Steve graduated from Saint Vincent's High School in 1966 and attended Santa Rosa Junior College and San Francisco State. Eventually Steve received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Systems Management from University of San Francisco. The 60's were a time of turmoil and change and Steve joined the United States Army rather than wait to be drafted. In the face of uncertainty, a passion was ignited as Steve chose to become a helicopter pilot. The Army complied with his wishes, sending him to Fort Rucker, AL for flight school where he emerged as a Warrant Officer and was promptly sent to Vietnam. He continued with the Army after his tour,

obtaining a flight instructor rating and served as a flight instructor at Ft. Wolters, TX. Steve ended his promising military career at the Presidio in San Francisco, shortly after the tragic death of his older sister Susan. Steve followed his brother into the field of law enforcement, first at Palo Alto PD, then at the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, where he was a patrol deputy, K9 handler and helicopter pilot. Never losing sight of his passion, Steve obtained his commercial pilot license with the goal of shifting into his dream career - - flying. Steve ended his helicopter flying, when his brother Brent died in the Sheriff's helicopter crash in 1980. Between 1980 and 1988, Steve flew for two regional airlines, and worked at the family trucking business, Roy Jameson and Son, started by his grandfather. In 1988 Steve joined the flight department of Korbel Champagne Cellars. He was co-pilot on the company's jet for 23 years. Steve often described his time at Korbel as "a dream job... they actually pay me to do this!" After a medical retirement from Korbel, Steve did not slow down. Often called a modern renaissance man, his thirst for learning new skills led him to explore many hobbies and skills. He would take classes to learn the basics of a skill, then expand that knowledge through further classes and mentoring from local masters of the given craft. He obtained insurance and real estate licenses, learned carpentry, woodworking, winemaking, videography, and cooking. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. Steve's thirst for knowledge was complimented by his desire to take care of others. His time being the "resident chef" best highlights this desire. Steve took a series of cooking classes and obtained a food safety certificate, so he "wouldn't poison his parents" when he began preparing meals for them. Then he took a series of baking classes, where he became known as "Steve Stewart". His chocolate decadence, forever roasted pork and paella became legendary. Family and friends were always treated to gourmet meals. Those who knew Steve have remarked what a thoughtful, thinking, conscientious, generous, dependable and honorable person he was. Throughout his life he demonstrated these traits by volunteering at non-profit and political fundraisers, providing food at workdays, sitting on the Goodwill Industries Redwood Empire Board of Directors, supporting others in obtaining their goals and helping those in need. Steve is being missed by Diana, his wife of 40 years, sister Mary Jameson, stepson Matthew Broberg (Angela), father-in-law Ray Patrick (Edi), sisters-in-law Maureen Wendle (Wayne) and Joan Patrick (John), as well as nephews, nieces, cousins, many friends and of course, by his two boxer buddies Baxter and Bailey. Steve was inurned at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon. A celebration of life was held in the spring. In Steve's memory, consider supporting the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to continue supporting those who have served our country.



HENRY DONALD KASPER (USA, SSG-Ret.) – Died Friday, December 22, 2023 at his home in Lacy Lakeview, Waco, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 31, 1942. He married Shirley Graham on October 14, 1967 at Fort Benning, GA. Henry and Shirley were married for 56 years and had three children, Julie K. Taylor, of TX, Jon L. Kasper, of Lacy Lakeview, TX, Jimmy E. Kasper, of Lacy Lakeview, TX. Henry

is a retired 21-year veteran of the United States Army, serving his country all over the world, including Vietnam, Korea, and Germany, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. He is survived by his wife Shirley, all three children, Julie, Jon, and Jimmy, his grandchildren, Ashley; Corey, who is currently serving his country in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Japan; Madison, Ryan, Renee, Eryn, Riley; and Henry's sister, Margret. A memorial service was held at the Bellmead Funeral home, Bellmead, TX on January 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Henry was interred at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas at a later date.

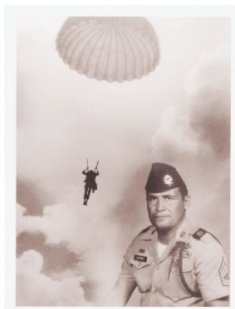


CLIFFORD J. KAUFFMAN - Died Saturday, January 20, 2024 in Silver Spring, Maryland at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on May 7, 1941. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Springs Chapter #641**. He is survived by his brother, Roland Kauffman as well as several local relatives, including those who live in the Baltimore, Maryland area. His funeral service was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, 11800 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Following the funeral service there was a graveside service and interment at 1:00 PM at Woodlawn Cemetery, 2130 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, Maryland.



JOHN WAYNE KING - Died Monday, January 1, 2024 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee at the age of 80. He was a resident of Hardison Mill / Pottsville Community in Maury County, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. John was born on December 13, 1943 in Fayetteville, Tennessee to the late J.C. and Wilma King. He attended Robert E. Lee School for the 1st grade before the family moved to Nashville in 1949 and lived there until returning to Fayetteville in 1954. He continued his grade school education at Robert E. Lee for the 7th and 8th grades, then attended Central High School from which he graduated in 1961. Following two years at Belmont University in Nashville he enlisted in the United States Air Force in September 1963. He was first assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC), 454th Combat Support Group with the 454th Bomb Wing in Columbus, Mississippi, famous for its award-winning B-52 and KC-135 aircraft and crews that played a primary role in the early years of the Vietnam War. He spent the first three years of his enlistment at the Columbus Air Force Base. That was followed by a one-year tour in Turkey and Greece where he was assigned to TUSLOG, a cold war logistics operation, where he completed his enlistment in August 1967 as a Staff Sergeant in charge of officer evaluations. In April of 1964 while on leave from the USAF he was at his parents' photography studio in Fayetteville. They made the senior pictures for Central High School and had on display a few of the current class pictures. His eye was drawn

one particular photograph, that of Wanda Mitchell. He knew immediately that she was meant for him. They were married on September 20, 1964, and spent almost 53 years together before Wanda's sudden illness and passing on May 18, 2017. Over the years they worked together in various services and retail businesses in Nashville, Franklin and Fayetteville. Their primary business, which operated for 35 years, was J. King & Associates that provided administrative, investigative and liquidation services to Trustees, Federal and State Courts as well as banks and other financial institutions. John and Wanda enjoyed many things, especially the solitude of their home in their country. Other interests included traveling, church activities, conservative politics, collecting antiques, fishing, reading, game nights with the extended family, gardening, and their numerous pets over the years. They were members of First Baptist Church in Lewisburg. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Lynchburg Chapter #580** and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Holman-Boone Camp 152. John particularly enjoyed working with youth. His first experience was as the football and basketball coach at Crieve Hall School in Nashville during the time he was attending college. That was followed by being a Scoutmaster with the Trans-Atlantic Council while stationed in Turkey and Greece. Later he and Wanda spent two years on staff at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood. In subsequent years, at different churches, he worked with youth in mission outreach as an activities director and Sunday school teacher. He was an ordained deacon and served in several capacities before retiring in 2009. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Judson King. Survivors include his son: Dr. Chris King of New York, NY; brother: Ben King (Regina) of Fayetteville, TN; sister: Angela Sims (Bobby) of Eads, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone NC 28607. The funeral service was held in Fayetteville, Tennessee at the Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 12:00 Noon with the burial in the Riverview Memorial Gardens next to his wife, Wanda Mitchell King. Visitation was held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The Gallant-Riverview Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of Mr. John Wayne King.



STANLEY BAPTIST LAFOND – Died Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, y2023 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan on October 26, 1936 to the late Rose and Auguste Lafond. He started his life journey, delivered by a midwife, in the log home at Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in central Saskatchewan. His parents never dreamt that their 6th child (middle of 12 siblings) would find his way around the world experiencing countless adventures. Whenever he found his way home, he was loaded down with small gifts and stories to be shared over a beer

with his family and friends. His early years were spent on the small mixed farm run by his parents and exploring the pasture, the creek (crick to locals), visiting metis relatives and Cree families. Then, like all those in his family and community, in 1944 he entered Saint Michael's Residential School in Duck Lake. He spent the next 8 years there with summers off to help on his parents' farm and occasionally hiring out to the local settler farms. During his time at Saint Michael's, Stan discovered his love for sport and his natural athletic gifts. He played hockey with a passion, ran and walked constantly, and excelled on the soccer field. At the same time, he began to dream of completing his grade 12 and building a future away from Muskeg Lake. It was not to be, when he turned 16 his father withdrew him from school to help in the farm. In the years following, he continued to work on his parents' farm and as a hired hand with local settler farmers. Some of his favorite pastimes were hanging out with his cousin Raymond Primeau, riding his horse Smoky, and best of all playing hockey in the winter and soccer in the summer. Then during the long winter of all winters in 1954 – 1955 and the resulting flood, of Muskeg Lake, Stan made a decision to find his dream. In June of 1955, after swearing his cousin Raymond into secrecy, Stan hitched his way to enlist with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) of the Canadian armed forces. It was months before his parents heard from him. During his time with the PPCLI, he served in Calgary and stationed at Deilinghofen, Germany (1955-1957). When he re-enlisted, he was stationed on the west coast. He continued his love for sport. He played hockey, rugby, and won the boxing title for his regiment. When asked about his extracurricular sports, his favorite reply was that it saved him from much of the army physical routines to devote his time to sport development. In 1961, he was honorably discharged from the Canadian armed forces (Queen's Own Rifles). He wanted a new military direction for himself and enlisted with the 82nd Airborne Division in the United States Army and later transferred to the 101st Airborne Division. For the next twenty years, Stan served in many different roles and in many different parts of the world. With the 82nd Airborne he was shipped to Vietnam. Stan did three tours in Vietnam until he was injured reconnoitering and shipped to Germany to recover. During his time in Vietnam, his service was recognized with several medals: the Bronze Star, Medal for Military Merit and the Purple Heart. Stan was a humble veteran and told the stories of his military experiences to a select few relatives and friends: his older brother Albert (also a Veteran of the PPCLI), his younger brother Roderick (a veteran of the Queen's Own Rifles) and some nephews and nieces. He was an *Honorary Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canada**. After a brief stint as a security officer at Muskeg Lake and as a Commissionaire in Saskatoon, he retired from active service to spend more time playing bingo with friends and sharing beer at "The Pat". His sisters Bertha and Bridget kept tabs on him with regular calls and the odd visit. He was connected with his niece Cheryl and his younger brother Lionel. Through these connections his extended family were kept in contact. He liked his privacy but he also enjoyed family visitors. Then on Christmas evening 2023, after his family had done the gifts, and eaten the turkey, Stan finished his adventurous life watching TV sports sitting in his favorite chair. At his request, a funeral gathering took place at the Leask Legion Hall on December 30th with family and some close friends. His brothers Lionel and Harry assisted with a celebration of life reading of poem punctuated by the trumpet playing of TAPS. The celebration demonstrated Stan's place in the family as they laughed and told stories about their connection to him. Stanley B. Lafond is now buried at the Muskeg Lake Cemetery in between his brother and army friend Albert and another brother Theodore

who had died early in life. It was a beautiful day, full of sunshine and an unusually warm afternoon.



GREGORY JAMES “Greg” LAMOUREUX - Died Saturday, December 23, 2023 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 1, 1945 in Hamtramck Michigan to the late Jerald Lamoureux and Eva Lamoureux. Greg joined the United States Navy in 1964 and fought in the Vietnam War. He remained in the Navy until he retired after 22 years of service and his retirement service was held on the USS Constitution. He loved the Navy and everything about the ocean. He enjoyed scuba diving and was a volunteer at the Boston Aquarium where he was an educator to the visitors. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He achieved a Bachelor of Science Degree in computer science and worked as a Computer Specialist for the Veterans Administration and with his wife Jackie, owned and operated a kite shop, Sea Side Kites on Nantasket beach in Hull Massachusetts where he resided for over 30 years prior to moving to Florida. He was a member of the AKA American Kitefliers Association and was elected as the region one director for the Northeast. After moving to Florida he was then elected to Region 4 Director. In addition to Sea Side Kites Greg & Jackie ran a program that took them all over the country, Kites for Kids where he taught kids how to make and fly a kite of their own. In addition to being an active member of the Villages Kite club he also enjoyed being an active member of the Eustis gun club and woodworking club. Preceded by his parents Eva and Jerald Lamoureux and grandson, Christopher Lamoureux. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Lamoureux, children Michael Lamoureux, Sr. and wife Jessica, Kristen Caisse and husband Chris, stepchildren Cheryl Bacon and John Bacon and grandchildren Michael Jr., Elizabeth, Skylar and Lorena, his sister Dale Engel and brother Mark Lamoureux, and great-granddaughter, Lily Lamoureux. His family celebrated his life in the summer of 2024 in his former home state of Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his honor to the AKA American Kitefliers Association- www.kite.org.



EDWARD Arthur “Ed” LAU - Died peacefully on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 in Arlington, Wisconsin at the age of 78. He was formerly of Appleton, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Shawano, Wisconsin on August 30, 1945 to the late Arthur and Evelyn Lau. Ed served as a cook in the United States Air Force in Vietnam. Upon returning, he met the love of his life, Wanda. They lived happily together for 49 years until her passing in May of 2023. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. He loved volunteering and giving to others. As the President of Pacesetters Running Club, he created a fundraising walk benefitting St. Joseph’s Food Pantry. He also helped start the Fox Cities Marathon and participated in the marathon too, he was an avid runner. Even after Wanda passed, Ed was still active, often going to the Timber Rattler’s games with their daughter, Andrea.

He also loved his weekly meals at the Vets and Friends in Appleton. No matter what curve ball life threw him he kept fighting for another day with a smile on his face. Before his passing he spent one good day with his daughter eating him and Wanda's favorite meal, a Whopper, on what would have been their 50th anniversary. Fly high on the wings of angels' dad, I will miss you. Now you and Mom can be together forever.



JOE RANDALL LEE - Died Sunday, December 17, 2023 in Spartanburg, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 14, 1946 to the late Dorothy and Joe Lee. After graduating from Myers Park High School, Joe joined the United States Navy. He retired from the quality control department with Siemens in Roebuck, SC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1049**. Joe was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed by many. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Brenda Brookshire Lee; children, Clinton Randall Lee (Jenny Marie) of Easley, SC and Amy Nicole Lee of Charlotte, NC; and grandchildren, Miranda Allison Lee, Olivia Erin Lee, John Joseph “J.J.” Botticchio, Jr., and Mia Grace Botticchio. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at the Dunbar Funeral Home, 690 Southport Road, Roebuck, SC. The committal service was at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 4, 2023 at M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery, 140 Inway Drive, Anderson, SC, conducted by Reverend Todd Lowe. The family requested memorial contributions be made in Joe's honor to American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/donate.html> The funeral services were under the care of the J. M. Dunbar Funeral Home and Crematory.

LORENZO PHIL “Larry” LIEGGI – Died Friday, March 31, 2023 in Harwood Heights, Illinois at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mola di Bari, Italy on October 30, 1943 to the late Christopher and Crescenza (née Zina) Lieggi. It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death of our father: Zina Lieggi (fiancé Dan Wurzer), Christopher Lieggi (wife Jolene Fiscella) and Joseph Lieggi share. He came to the US at the age of 12, with his surviving siblings Antoinette Colonna, Clara Mazzeo and Nicolas Lieggi. He was a resident of Chicago. Norridge and Wood Dale. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Lieggi and both his parents. He was an entrepreneur in the grocery business and computer repair and sales. He was passionate about his family, especially his grandchildren, spending time at his lake house, and fishing. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242** known as the “Dunking Donuts Vets”. He is survived by his fiancée Carol Lieggi and their shared children Zina Lieggi (fiancé Dan Wurzer) grandchildren Isabel Santos and Vincent Santos, Christopher Lieggi (wife Jolene Fiscella) grandchild Anthony Lieggi. He is also survived by his youngest son Joseph Lieggi, son of the late Elizabeth Lieggi. He is survived by his siblings (Antoinette Colona, Clara Mazzeo and Nicolas Lieggi) along with nieces and nephews that he loved. Carol Lieggi and children hosted a remembrance on April 13, 2023 at the Empress

Banquet Hall in Elmhurst from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. There was a memorial program from 3:00-4:00 PM with snacks and opportunities to share stories.



ROBERT G. "Bob" LIMOUZE III - Died Sunday, November 5, 2023 in Lewes, Delaware at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1946 in Hackensack, New Jersey to the late Robert G. Limouze, Jr. and Marjorie (née Jacobeen) Limouze. Bob retired after a long career as a carpenter for the family contracting business. He later worked for the Westwood Regional School district in Westwood, NJ. Bob was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a long-time member and past commander of the Ralph W. Lester VFW Post in Westwood, NJ. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105*. Bob had many interests and hobbies, including working with stained glass, making birdhouses, and other woodworking crafts. He served as a Boy Scout leader and coached his children's sports teams in their youth. Bob continued to volunteer in the community throughout his life. He had a love of travel and visited many islands in the Caribbean. A loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and dear friend, he will be missed by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Linda (née Bamond) Limouze. He is survived by his children: Robert Limouze (Cecilia) of Green Cove Springs, FL, and Cheryl Rager (Blake Beaudoin) of Ellicott City, MD; his grandchildren: Emily Rager, Tyler Rager, and Bradley Beaudoin; his brother, Richard Limouze (Sandy) of Jefferson, ME; his sister, Elizabeth Enriquez (Tom Pisciotta) of Old Tappan, NJ; many nieces and nephews; and his partner, Terri Bradley. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 14th at 3:00 PM at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 20276 Bay Vista Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE where friends began visiting the family at 2:00 PM. A viewing was also held on Thursday, November 16th from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the Becker Funeral Home, 219 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, NJ. Another funeral service was held on Friday, November 17th at 10:00 AM at the Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church, 155 Second Avenue, Westwood, NJ with interment immediately following, at Westwood Cemetery, 23 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood. Please visit 65. Mr. Limouze's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his virtual guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.



EMERY JAMES LINTON, SR. - Died Saturday, December 23, 2023 in West Haven, Connecticut at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 3, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milford Chapter #251*. A memorial service was held in Bridgeport, CT. The M. J. Edwards - Whitehaven Funeral Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

DANIEL FREDRICK MAYER - Died Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in Sun Lakes, Arizona at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Yakima, Washington on November 22, 1943. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 and did a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton (Montana) Chapter #938**. A Memorial Service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Brookside Funeral Home in Moxee, Washington.



DONALD JACKSON "Don" MANN - Died Christmas morning, December 25, 2023 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 84. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Bowman, Georgia on January 1, 1939 to the late Roy Calvin Mann and Ora Bell (née Adams) Mann. He was also predeceased by his brother, William C Mann and his sister, Virginia Chandler. Don is also survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty (née Fowler) Mann, of Cumming, his son, Gregory Alan Mann, (Gretchen) of Tucker, son, Jeffery Scott Mann, (Jackie), of Gainesville and his two beloved grandchildren, Alena and Aidan. Sister, Betty Bennett, of Athens, brother, Bobby Mann, (Linda) of Decatur, Gerald Mann of Elberton and a number of nieces and nephews. Don was also a United States Army Veteran, serving nine years in Germany, Vietnam and Japan and stateside as well. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. He was a member of First Redeemer Baptist Church and a member of the CIA Bible Class. Don lived in the Newbury Village Community where he had served as the a past HOA President. After retiring from Bellsouth after 35 years of service, Don spent quite a bit of time on Lake Lanier enjoying the houseboat life and his many friends on the docks there. He was affectionately called the "Mayor" of Dock 3 since he taught so many how to navigate their boats and helped all with whom he came in contact. He also discovered the joys of traveling in the motorhome and wintering in Florida during the cold months in Georgia. He was a member of the Georgia Funseekers RV Club for many, many years and enjoyed the friendships of so many. He will be missed by all who loved him, but he would assure them that he is finally made whole and able to walk unassisted on the Heavenly streets of gold. Memorial Services were conducted by the McDonald and Son Funeral Home, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, Georgia. The family received visitors on Saturday, December 30th at 1:00 PM followed by the service at 2:00 PM. A private burial was observed at the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton.



BRUCE C. McCONOUGHEY - Died Friday, December 29, 2023 in Fairview Park, Ohio at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 24, 1945 to the late Frank and Jessie Mae (née Martin) McConoughey. Devoted husband of the late Donna (née Dicker), loving father of JoAnna (Randy) Hilverding and Leah (Allison) McConoughey, dearest grandfather of Miranda (Benjamin) Sandvick, Carine Honacki, Julia Honacki, Alaina

Honacki, Parker McConoughey, and Avery McConoughey, dear brother of David (Linda), the late Mark, and Lee (Barbara), brother-in-law of Dennis (Linda) Dicker and Diana (Dave, deceased) Neff, dearest uncle and friend of many. Bruce was proud veteran of the United States Army. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay Village Chapter #249** and he liked traveling to veteran conferences. Bruce also enjoyed his daily brunch ritual going to Gourmet Family Restaurant. He also enjoyed spending time helping friends with constructions projects. The family received friends on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Corrigan Craciun Funeral Home, 23040 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. The interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Twinsburg, Ohio. In Lieu of flowers family suggested donations be made in Bruce's memory to your local Veterans Charity.



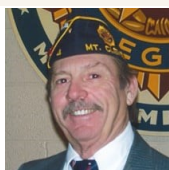
DAVID NORWOOD McDONALD - Died Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in Leavenworth, Indiana at the age of 82. He was formerly of Lanesville, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Louisville, Kentucky on January 7, 1941 to the late David Denton McDonald and Ethel Elizabeth (née Norwood) McDonald. He was a retired computer programmer with Lincoln Income Life Insurance and the Louisville Water Company. He was a member of Universal Life Church, American Legion Post #193, VFW Post #2950, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**, NRA, Blackhorse Association, 11th VCVVC, Society of the Big Red One, National Association of Box Car Hobo's and Past Chef's Club. He was a veteran of the United States Army in Vietnam. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wives, Lee McDonald and Linda McDonald. David is survived by numerous friends. Visitation for David was held on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany, Indiana, followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM. David was laid to rest in the Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park.



JACK LEONARD McKINNEY – Died Wednesday, October 11, 2023 in Seymour, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Champaign, Illinois on January 29, 1948 to Marge McKinney and the late Harris McKinney. Attended Northwest Church of God and was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. Jack was well loved by all who knew him. He was a great dad, papaw, husband, and friend to many. Preceded in death by father, Harris McKinney; and son, Zeke McKinney. Survived by wife, Carolyn McKinney; mother, Marge McKinney; sons, Troy (Sabrina) McKinney and Travis (Catina) McKinney; daughter, Crystal Sexton; grandchildren, Nicholas Sexton, Carlee Sexton, Tristen McKinney, and Kayla (Chris) Plants; two great granddaughters; brother, Michael (Patti) McKinney; sister, Jill Waller; and several nieces

and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Bridges Funeral Home followed by the funeral service at 7:00 PM with Reverend John Wilkinson officiating. Family and friends met at 12:15 PM on Wednesday at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery-John Sevier for a 12:30 PM interment with military honors provided by the East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Jack to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. The arrangements were made by the Bridges Funeral Home, 5430 Rutledge Pike, Knoxville, TN. www.bridgesfuneralhome.com.

DAVID C. McTAVISH - Died Sunday, December 31, 2023 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on October 28, 1946 to the late Chester McTavish and the late Margaret (née Miller) McTavish. He was the husband of Karen (née Overbey) McTavish, with whom he shared 49 years of marriage. He continued his higher education at the University of Tennessee at Martin, earning his bachelor's degree. He served in the United States Air Force for nearly four years and completed a tour in Vietnam. Later in life, Dave worked as an accountant for Chester County Emergency Services. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436** and the VFW Post #106 of West Chester. In his free time, Dave loved to sail or spend time out in his yard. In addition to his wife, Karen, Dave is survived by his son, Daniel McTavish (Angela) of Conway, AR; his sister, Lynn McTavish-Crosson (Robert) of Flint, TX; as well as his grandchildren, Vivian and James McTavish. Services were private. The arrangements were made by the Kuzo Funeral Home of Kennett Square, PA.



ARTHUR FRANK "Art" MILLER - Died Tuesday, December 5, 2023 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on September 24, 1946 to the late Louis and Margaret Miller. He was the beloved husband of Opal Miller; loving father of Michael Miller and Jennifer (Darren) Wrightner; dear brother of Shirley (Bob) Sigouin, Marilyn Miller, Ken (Dianne) Miller, William (Maureen) Bright, Jean Benthall and Shirley Moses. Arthur was born in Hamtramck Michigan to Louis and Margaret Miller and named after his grandfather, Arthur Miller. Arthur was drafted and served our country in the United States Army. He didn't talk about much of his time in the Army, but he was very proud to have served. Art cared deeply about all veterans and was always there to give a helping hand to anyone in need. Art was a proud member of the American Legion Post #4 – Mount Clemens, AMVETS Post #29 – Mount Clemens, 40 & 8, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**, and Honorary Member of the American Legion Riders. Art married Opal on July 26, 1980 in a marriage that almost didn't happen. On their "first date" Opal didn't bring her ID and wasn't allowed into the bar where they were supposed to meet. She waited outside but never saw his red El Camino arrive in the lot. She called the bar and asked the bartender to see if he was there. The bartender said he was not. Opal thought that Art

had stood her up. Art was actually at the bar as he drove his friend John's car. Art thought he was the one that had been stood up. A couple weeks past when they figured out what happened and went out on another date. They fell in love and the rest was history. His love for Opal was so great and everyone knew it. Arthur was a great dad to Michael and Jennifer and stayed close to both of them as they grew older. He coached their baseball and softball teams and was at all their functions. Even when Michael graduated High School in 1997, Art skipped his beloved Peterson bowling tournament to make sure he was there to see him get his diploma. Both kids could always count on their dad to be there whenever they needed him. He helped both of them when they moved into their new homes. He ran wire and helped with anything they needed. His greatest day was watching his daughter get married to Darren. It was so good that they did it twice! He was so proud of his kids and their accomplishments. Art always lit up the room when he came in. You ask any of the people in his life and they would tell you how "happy go lucky" he was. Retiring from Detroit Edison after 39 years, he spent his time rooting on the Detroit Lions, spoiling his dog Sparky, and helping out at the American Legion. Art had Lions season tickets since 1995 and went through all the pains with the team. He enjoyed going with his family to the games. Art, Opal, Michael and Jennifer would go on road trips to see the Lions play. Art enjoyed every minute on these trips. He especially loved his last trip to New Orleans with his extended family, where the Lions actually won. Unfortunately, this was his final trip as he passed away in New Orleans. Art loved his dog Sparky. He was like a second son to him. Anytime Art was home and on the couch, there was Sparky curled up on his legs. Art loved helping out at the American Legion. He was the Commander on two separate occasions. He was in the Honor Guard and believed all veterans deserved the proper military funeral. Arthur was a great man and touched so many. He will be missed and will live forever in our hearts. Visitation was held on Monday from 3:00-9:00 PM and on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the 11:00 AM Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). In lieu of flowers please donate to: American Legion, Post #4. 401 North Groesbeck Highway, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com.

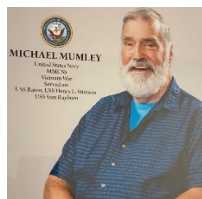
JAMES E. MILLER – Died Tuesday, December 19, 2023 in Uniopolis, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**.



FRANCIS THOMAS "Tommy" MORETTI, JR. – Died Friday, December 15, 2023 in Elmira, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elmira on February 19, 1947 to the late Francis Thomas Moretti, Sr. and Josephine (née Perago) Moretti. He is survived by his companion of 40 years, Carol Douglas; her children, Cole (Ashley) Douglas with their daughter, Brooke and Nicole Douglas, with her children, Bradley and Genevieve, all of Elmira; sister, Denise Hayes of Elmira; brother, Joseph (Laurie) Moretti of Fort Lauderdale, FL along with several nieces, nephews, friends, employees and customers. Tommy was the longtime

proprietor of Moretti's Restaurant. He graduated from EFA where he played baseball, football and wrestling. He graduated from Corning Community College then entered Cornell University, where he was drafted into the United States Army in his first year. He served as a Medic for 2 tours during Vietnam being awarded the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He loved Keuka Lake, owning a cottage there for 58 years. Family and friends are invited to visit Walter J. Kent Funeral Home, 858 Lake Street at Washington Avenue, Elmira on Thursday, January 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. His Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 5th at 11:00 AM in Saint Patrick's Church. Committal prayer and interment, with military honors took place in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may remember Tommy through donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #803, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901 or the Chemung County SPCA, 2435 State Route 352, Elmira, NY 14903.

ROBERT JAMES “Bob” MORGAN - Died Monday, July 31, 2023 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 78, following a lingering illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Butler, Pennsylvania on March 24, 1945 to the late R. Lyle and Almeda (née Snow) Morgan. Bob was a 1963 graduate of Allegheny-Clarion Valley School Dist. (Emlenton), and in earlier years was affiliated with the former Scrubgrass Presbyterian Church and the local Grange Hall. Bob entered the United States Army helicopter pilot training program following graduation from high school at Fort Walters, AL, and was among the first pilots to move on to Vietnam. There he flew combat and rescue, and having saved many soldiers, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. As a Warrant Officer (WO-2), he also earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters, NDSM, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, one Oversea Bar, and two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of VFW Post #912 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922** both of Baytown, TX., the Outlaws and Mavericks 175th AHC. and a Life member of the Vietnam War Museum. Bob had a total of flying helicopters for fifty-two years including military, EMS hospital services, offshore flying, and private service in New York City. He was in Casper, Wyoming flying when he fell in love at first sight with a girl named Colleen, he stayed there and has been married to her for forty-three years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Lisa (Mark) Strittmatter and Kirsta (Kevin) Wolbert, children Bryten and Lily Morgan, step-children: Gary Oxford and Chris Oxford; several grand and great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by stepsons Joe and Gene Oxford. Visitation was held on Sunday, September 17th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home, 201 South Washington Street, Eau Claire, Pennsylvania where a Memorial Service was held at 2:30 PM. Members of the VFW and American Legion Posts of Parker conducted services at 12:45 PM in the Funeral Home.

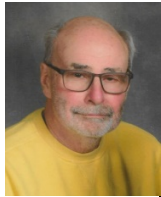


MICHAEL ROLAND MUMLEY, SR. – Died Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in Powell, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 29, 1945 in Burlington, Vermont. He was the proud captain of his own destiny. Michael served his country

with honor and distinction in the United States Navy for a whopping 20 years. He navigated the treacherous waters aboard submarines like the legendary USS Raton, USS Stimpson, and USS Rayburn. A true submariner, he even taught his fellow Sailors as an instructor at the Basic Submarine School. After retiring as a Chief in 1983, Michael continued his love affair with the Navy by working at the Power Plant on the submarine base in Groton, CT. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078*. But that's not all! Michael had more tricks up his sleeve. He decided to chart a new course and pursue his passion for antiques. With an eye sharper than a seagull spotting a fish, he opened an antique shop and became the captain of collecting hidden treasures. From broken chairs to random lamp shades, he saw the value in things others overlooked. He even had a knack for finding gems by the side of the road and made a pilgrimage to the recycle center at the dump in Richmond. Now that's what we call a true treasure hunter! In the midst of his adventures, Michael and his first mate, Jean (Bear), embarked on a new journey as the proprietors of the 1804 Potter House Bed and Breakfast. They welcomed countless guests, feeding and entertaining them with warm hospitality. And just when you thought he couldn't surprise you any further, Michael discovered his true passion for navigating the roads as a school bus driver. Parents and kids alike adored him, but alas, Parkinson's disease brought his bus-driving days to an end. Ever resourceful, he turned his attention back to his beloved collection of hidden treasures. While Michael's heart was as big as the ocean, his faith anchored him in various Baptist Churches throughout his life. And let's not forget his role as a Bible teacher to his fellow Sailors during his submarine days. He truly had a heavenly connection! When he wasn't busy conquering the seas or unearthing forgotten gems, Michael enjoyed a good round of bowling, hunting, fishing, camping, poker, cribbage, and indulging his passion for collecting used things. He had a knack for turning the old into gold! Michael leaves behind his beloved wife, Jean Mumley, of 60 years who was his anchor in life's storms. He also leaves behind his children Lori, Michael Jr., and Brian, his brother David McKinstry, his 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. His memory will forever sail on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love him. Cremation Options, Inc. located in Knoxville, TN, assisted with the arrangements. Memorial service was conducted at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at 2200 East Governor John Sevier Highway at 12:30 PM on 26 January 2024. May his spirit forever sail on, guided by the stars above and the love in our hearts. Smooth sailing, Captain Michael Roland Mumley SR! Until Valhalla!

ROGER CARL NELSON - Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 at his home in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 27, 1946 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Orville Ramsey Nelson and Alma Mae (née Taylor) Nelson. He was a United States Army Veteran serving during Vietnam. Following his military service, he worked for R.R. Donnelly and Sons, from which he retired. He was an active *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of American – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061* and sang in the Rockingham County Male Chorus. He was a founding member of Bridgewater Rescue Squad and member of the Bridgewater Fire Department. He enjoyed water gardens, gardening, trains, and going to the beach with his friends. He was a member of Weavers Mennonite Church. On December 24, 1970, he married Linda Sue (née Payne) Nelson who survives. Also surviving are his children, Bryan Matthew Nelson and wife Katrina of Shenandoah, Kimberly Nelson Taylor and husband Steven of Kernersville, NC; twin sister, Rosemary Reid of Cresaptown, MD; brother, Ronald Nelson and wife

Jean of Bridgewater; grandchildren, Nathaniel David Nelson, Chelsea Anne Nelson Johnson (Donnie), Jacob Bryan Nelson, Logan Paul Taylor, Savannah Nicole Taylor; great-grandchildren, Jaden Johnson, Lily Johnson, and Finn Johnson. In addition to his parents, Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by two brothers, Orville Ramsey Nelson Jr., Paul Nelson; sister, Wilda Belle Olsen and a brother-in-law, Donald Reid. Following cremation, Jerry O'Hara conducted a memorial service on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the McMullen Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #1061, P.O. Box 1754, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.



DONALD EDWARD "Don" NICKLAY – Died Thursday, December 29, 2022 in Dilworth, Minnesota at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 27, 1947 in Barnesville, Minnesota to the late Ruben and Hilda (née Gaethke) Nicklay. Don was raised in Barnesville, where he graduated from high school. Don entered the United States Army in September of 1966, and served until his discharge in September of 1968. Don was married to Janet Gabrielson, and they lived in Barnesville. She passed away in 1987. Don worked for many years as a custodian at Moorhead State College, Moorhead, MN. He married Mary Jo Anderson on January 8, 1995, in Dilworth, MN. They made their home in Dilworth and he continued to work for Moorhead State College until his retirement. Don was a member of the Moorhead American Legion, Fargo AMVETS, and Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo (North Dakota) Chapter #941**. Don liked to visit with people and frequently commented the American Legion was his second home. He enjoyed car racing and attended many races at tracks in the surrounding area. Don also enjoyed long walks with his dog, Jack. Don passed away Thursday December 29, 2022, at Sanford Hospice House, Fargo, at 75 years of age. Don is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; stepchildren, Brock (Heidi) Peterson, and Stacy (Jason) Roshek; six step-grandchildren; and a nephew, Rick Nicklay. A graveside service, with full military honors was held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Fargo National Cemetery, Harwood, ND.

DANIEL R. NOON – Died Friday, January 6, 2023 in Niles, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**.



JOHN B. NUNN – Died Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in Rio Communities, New Mexico at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 17, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin (Texas) Chapter #915**. Cremation has taken place. Services were held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on January 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM. A message John would like us to share. "The past, for everyone, is full of missed chances, surviving to understand them, if not set them straight, is one of the things that makes the next breath worth taking." The Romero Funeral of Belen, New Mexico was in charge of the arrangements.



RICHARD F. PLECHNER (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Thursday, December 14, 2023 at home in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born on November 25, 1932 in New York City, New York the only child to the late Sophie L. Plechner, PhD and Lt. Colonel Walter W. Plechner, PhD. Richard attended The Peddie School, Rutgers University ('54) and Rutgers University Law School ('59) where he graduated 4th in his class, served as Editor of the Rutgers University Law Review and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Prize in Constitutional Law, The H. Theodore Sorg Property Prize, and the Alfred E. Driscoll Award in Constitutional Law. Richard was devoted to his alma mater and in 1994 became a Loyal Son of Rutgers, an honor which recognizes individuals for extraordinary alumni service. His family history has been recorded as part of the Rutgers Oral History Project. While an undergraduate at Rutgers, Richard served with the NJ National Guard earning his commission in the United States Army ROTC. He later went onto active duty (1950 -1954) and then the US Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1985. Richard placed great importance on military service with a career spanning 35 years of distinguished achievement. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit, given for exceptional meritorious conduct, the Department of Defense Lifetime Achievement Award, and Department of the Army Distinguished Civilian Service award, the highest honor that may be bestowed to Army civilian employees by the Secretary of the Army. He was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and was Commander of the 1182nd RTU, Jan 1984 to Jan 1985. Richard spent his civilian career practicing law, first in private practice in Metuchen, NJ where he made his home for close to 90 years and ultimately as a Judge of the Superior Court, State of New Jersey from 1988 – 2017. Richard always responded when asked to volunteer and his life was marked by service. Among his many contributions, he was an overseer for the Delaware School of Law, Widener University, Founder of the New Brunswick High School Jr ROTC, Trustee of Kiddie Keep Well Camp and Thomas Edison Memorial Museum. He held countless roles in the Republican Party and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1964 and an alternate delegate in 2004. His contributions to the community were many and brought him into the orbit of Presidents and dignitaries alike. As Program Chairman of the Northern NJ Chapter of AUSA

for decades, he recruited best-selling authors and other distinguished speakers, including Robin Moore (friend and author, the Green Berets and the French Connection), Rick Atkinson (The Army at Dawn, among many others), Joe Galloway (We Were Soldiers Once and Young), Max Boot (Invisible Armies, among many others), and General William Westmoreland, commander of U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War 1964-1968), among many others. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He loved travel, art, opera, and jazz, passions he and his wife, Mary Lou shared and explored together for over 40 years. He was a great reader and amassed a personal library of thousands of books. Richard helped to raise five children. He was predeceased by his daughters, Anne Wheeler and Ellen Price, son in law Michael Wheeler, and grandson, Coleman Price. He is survived by his much loved wife, Mary Lou (née Strahlendorff) Plechner and remaining children Walter Plechner and his spouse Shelley, Paul Plechner, Barbara Schneider and her spouse David and 25 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We are heartbroken at this loss of a husband, father and grandfather who lived a life characterized by integrity, honor, hard work, commitment to service, fidelity and a great sense of humor. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with words of Remembrance at 12:00 Noon at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, 568 Middlesex Avenue (RT 27), Metuchen. The interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Metuchen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Woodwild Park Association, Habitat Restoration Fund, 269 East Chestnut Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

FRANCIS J. POWELL – Died in December 2023 in Honesdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.



ALFRED J. RATERMANN - Died Sunday, December 17, 2023 at HSHS Saint Joseph's Hospital in Breese, Illinois at the age of 76. He was a resident of Breese. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 23, 1946 in Breese to the late Raymond and Leona (née Kapp) Ratermann. In addition to his parents, Alfred was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Elaine (Gene) Brammeier; brothers, Andrew Ratermann and Stephen Ratermann; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and Claire (née Stromple) Watson. Alfred is survived by his loving wife, Virginia (née Watson) Ratermann of Breese, whom he married May 11, 1968 at Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese; children, Douglas (Michelle) Ratermann of Damiansville, Yvonne (Paul Ray) Capelle of Highland, Deanna Ratermann of Germantown, and Pamela (Joseph) Becker of Breese; grandchildren, Cody (Abby) Ratermann, Jordan (Madeline) Ratermann, Dawson (Madisyn) Ratermann, Logan Ratermann, Emily (friend, Samuel) Williams, Stephanie Williams, Kylee Waligorski, Ava Becker, and Haley Becker; siblings, Marcellus (Milly) Ratermann of San Marcos, CA, Cletus (Deb) Ratermann of Breese, Matthew (Karen) Ratermann of Aviston, and Betty (Bill) Sligar of Breese; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barb Ratermann of Germantown, Joseph (Terry) Watson of Milton, WV, and John (Sharon) Watson of Ellwood, IN;

and many nieces and nephews. Alfred proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army, with a deployment to Vietnam from 1969-1970. His vast professional career included Best Way Equipment in Breese, later worked for Clinton County Electric Co-op, and ultimately retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation in Greenville. A devout member of Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese, Alfred contributed significantly to the community. He served as the past president of the Men's Sodality, attended to church maintenance, and acted as an usher. His civic involvement extended to serving as a Breese Township Trustee, past Commander of the Breese American Legion Post #252, Clinton County **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**, Clinton County Drill Team, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, and Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), aka "Wild Bart Jones". Alfred's passions included his love for shooting events and horses, evident through his engagement in cowboy mounted shooting and cowboy action shooting. He played a role in preparing the set for the movie "Letters Home," where he also portrayed the marshal. Alfred found joy in trail riding and participating in parades on his horses, farming, and working with his beloved old Ford tractors. Alfred was never known to say no to volunteering and helping others. He had a strong dedication to his grandkids, family, and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese with Reverend Father Patrick Peter presiding. The interment was at Saint Dominic-Saint Augustine Cemetery in Breese. Visitation was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 4:00–8:00 PM and again on Friday, December 22, 2023 from 9:00–10:30 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to Saint Dominic Parish or Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #269 and will be received at the visitation or by mail, Moss Funeral Home, 535 North 5th Street, Breese, IL 62230, who was serving the family.



LAWRENCE JAMES "Larry" RATHBUN - Died Monday, December 11, 2023 in the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, Montana at the age of 74. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis. He was born in Beach, North Dakota on August 1, 1949. Larry is survived by his wife Mary; daughter Jen (Mike); grandchildren, Joe, Kylee, Jake, Katy, Jordan, and Eric; and great-granddaughter, Lydia. He served in the United States Army from December 1, 1969 to August 30, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 9, 1970 to August 7, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234**. Per Larry's wishes, he has elected to have his body donated to science, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. We are thankful he is free of pain and lived life in his own unique way. We will miss him. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the National MS Society at 375 Kings Highway North, Suite B, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.



FRANK RE III - Died Saturday, December 9, 2023 at home in The Villages, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in White Plains, New York on July 7, 1948 to the late Madeline (née Passino) Re and Frank Re, Jr. He married Nancy (née Whyte) Re in 1983 having met in college while he was on the GI Bill. They were blessed 9 years later with their son Joseph. They celebrated 40 years of marriage in September of this year. His military service was a major part of their lives. He enlisted for Vietnam and signed up with the United States Navy for 4 years which he spent in the Blue Water and Brown Water of Vietnam on the largest (Aircraft carrier) and the littlest (River Patrol Boats) both with the US forces and as an Advisor. Involved with many Veterans groups over the years, especially Gamewardens. Most recently serving both as a Regional Officer and Supply Officer for the National Organization. He joined the USN on August 25, 1968. His first duty station was the USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31). He made two Vietnam cruises before volunteering for service with river patrol boats. He underwent training for PBRs at Naval Inshore Operations Training Center, California and Vietnamese Language School in Coronado, CA. Assigned to River Division 593 Iron Butterfly, March 8, 1969, to January 1, 1970. He transferred to the Naval Advisory Group MACV on January 1, 1970, and completed tour of duty February 18, 1970. His rank at time of discharge was GM3/c. He received the Bronze Star with Combat V, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star and Combat V, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver and 5 Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon, RVN Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm) RVN Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Medal, first class color with Palm). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036*. His service to our country included, unfortunately, a lot of exposure to Agent Orange. The first effect - Diabetes, appeared back when our son Joe was an infant. That led to numerous other health issues. He battled stage 5 Kidney failure for the last 3 years with home dialysis and was on the transplant list until they identified Pancreatic Cancer at the end of September. He learned to enjoy golf once he moved to The Villages, He always preferred his recliner, books, computer, and of course his TV controller. He was predeceased by his mom Madeline (née Passino) Re), his brothers, Victor and Fred Morosco and his niece, Carina Batchelor. He is survived by his wife, Nancy and son, Joseph. As well as his sister, sister-in-Law, brother-in-Law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 9:30–11:00 AM at the Beyers Funeral Home, 134 North Highway 27/441, Lady Lake, FL. The funeral service was at Noon at the North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake, FL, followed by a reception. A Celebration of Life is planned at their long time Church home in NY at White Plains Presbyterian Church on January 20, 2024 at Noon.



CHARLES E. "Chuck" RIDGE - Died Friday, December 15, 2023 at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, Illinois at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 6, 1940 in Frederick, Maryland to the late Laura (née Echenrode) Ridge and Ernest Ridge. Chuck was a loving husband and a cherished friend. His life was filled with laughter, joy, and the indelible impact he made on those fortunate enough to have known him. Chuck had an infectious sense of humor that brought smiles to everyone around him. His joking attitude brightened the lives of his loved ones and created an atmosphere of happiness wherever he went. He had a knack for finding the humor in any situation and could effortlessly lighten the mood with his quick wit. In 1976, Chuck married his beloved wife Ruth in Good Hope, OH. They met while both were serving in the military and shared a deep bond forged through their commitment to one another and their shared experiences. Ruth stood by Chuck's side throughout their journey together and provided him with unwavering love and support. As a United States Air Force veteran who served from 1958 to 1988, Chuck's military service was an integral part of his life. He proudly served two tours in Vietnam and retired as an Air Traffic Controller. Chuck's exemplary service earned him numerous accolades and recognition within the military community. His dedication to duty symbolized his commitment to protecting and serving his country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**. Chuck's passion for sports was evident throughout his life. An avid bowler, he found solace and camaraderie on the bowling lanes. The thrill of competition fueled his spirit, and he relished every moment spent engaging in this beloved pastime. In addition to his love for sports, Chuck possessed an insatiable curiosity for history. He became a walking encyclopedia when it came to military aircraft, displaying an impressive knowledge of every detail. His fascination with history extended beyond his military expertise, and he eagerly absorbed knowledge about various historical events and periods. While Chuck possessed a disciplined and military-minded nature, he also had a penchant for procrastination. Nevertheless, he always managed to create well-thought-out plans and executed them meticulously. Regardless of the task at hand, Chuck tackled it with determination and ensured that every minute detail was taken care of. Chuck's zest for life was unparalleled. He embraced every opportunity to explore new places, fueled by his military travels. Throughout his journey, he ventured to countless destinations, creating lasting memories along the way. His adventures instilled in him a sense of appreciation for the diverse cultures and landscapes he encountered. Chuck is survived by his loving wife Ruth Ridge nee Downs of New Baden; daughter Debbie Burke of Youngsville, LA; sister Pauline Grimes of Sabillasville, MD; brother Roy & Peggy Ridge of Frederick, MD; close friend James Sheridan of New Baden; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Laura Ridge, father Ernest Ridge, sisters Lillie Ridge, Clara Carty, Mary Horne, brother Ernest "Bud" Ridge, and brother Luther Ridge. The memory of Chuck's compassionate spirit, infectious laughter, and unwavering love will forever remain in the hearts of all those who were fortunate to have crossed paths with him. Visitation services were held on December 21, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Nordike Home - New Baden located at 15 East Hanover Street, New Baden, IL. A funeral service followed the visitation at 7:00 PM at the Nordike Funeral Home. The burial took place at Arlington

National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials made in memory of Chuck were suggested to Father Flanagan's Boys Town or to the charity of donor's choice and can be done by using the link provided or sending them to Nordike Funeral Home, 15 East Hanover Street, New Baden, IL 62265.



RAYMOND CHARLES "Ray" ROSS, JR. – Died Sunday, November 19, 2023 in North Olmstead, Ohio at the age of 80. The cause of death was related to diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 7, 1942 to the late Raymond Charles Ross, Sr. and Laura (née Puch) Ross. Older brother of the late Cynthia Niznik. Proud father of Jeff Ross (Viviana), Jeaneen Ross, and Ryan Ross (Colleen). Adoring "Papi" to Brendan, Kelton, Lavella, Halle, Ryan, and Cara. Uncle to Rosie, Donna, Jackie, Pauline, Margie, Donny (deceased), John and Joey. Long time loving companion of Linda Mendyka. Ray grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from John Marshall High School class of 1961. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and left for boot camp in 1964. He proudly served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged as Corporal in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay Village Chapter #249**. Retired Pipefitter/Vice President of Local #120. Ray was a humble and patriotic man that believed in hard work, honesty and integrity. He was smart and resourceful and always had an ear to lend to someone in need. He enjoyed music, dancing, golfing, traveling, the Cleveland Browns and visiting with friends and his many cousins. While the last few years were painful, he died at peace with his people by his side and did it his way until the very end. A heartfelt thank you to his "sons" Jayvon Lawson and Steffon Butler for the great care and companionship they provided him. Safe home and Semper Fi. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ray's honor to the following organizations: Ames Family Hospice House, Hospicewr.org; Disabled American Veterans, Help.DAV.org; Face The Fight Against Veteran Suicide, Wefacethefight.org.



DAVID LEE ROWELL - Died Sunday, December 17, 2023 at Life Care Center of Blount County at the age of 82, with his family present. He was a resident of Knoxville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. David was born in Hickory, North Carolina on September 9, 1941 to the late Charlie and Ada Rowell and moved to Oak Ridge, TN in 1945 where he grew up and graduated from Oak Ridge High School. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1968. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. David was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Ada Rowell; infant son, David Rowell Jr.; sisters, Doris Tatham, Frances Louise Synan, Teresa Rowell and sister-in-law, Sue Childers. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Rowell; son, Gary Rowell (Jennifer) of Goodlettsville and daughter, Donna Barker (Mark) of Powell. Other survivors include his sisters, Betty Rather of Lenoir City, Ruby Ross of Loudon, and Vickie Darlene

McGuire (Donald) of Clinton; brothers-in-law, Doug Childers, William Jones (Vickie), Jim Jones (Kathy), and Rob Jones (Kathi) all of Knoxville; grandchildren, Mary C. Onusko (Tim), Sara Wehlage (Hunter) and Taylor Lyon; great granddaughter, Emily Cummings as well as many special nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition, David leaves behind his church family at Bethel UMC of Knoxville. The family wants to personally thank Pastor John Justice for his visits and prayers which made David's transition easier and Dr. Edward Newman and the staff at Fresenius West for their compassionate care. David's family received friends on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 2:00-3:00 PM followed by a Memorial Service at 3:00 PM at the Bethel United Methodist Church, 2004 Amherst Road, Knoxville, TN.



JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" SACHS - Died Friday, January 19, 2024 at home in Stevens Point, Wisconsin at the 81, surrounded by family after battling multiple myeloma and heart disease. He was formerly of Park Ridge, Wisconsin. Jim was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin on 17 March 1942 to the late William and Clara (née Wittenberg) Sachs. He was married on 5 June 1969 to Jean Lambert (deceased) in Wisconsin Rapids, and married 26 May 2001 to Sue (née Huebl) McKenzie in Milwaukee. Jim graduated from Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran school in 1956, from Lincoln High School in 1960, and Madison Business College in 1962. Jim was proud of his service in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966, his membership in the American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter #101**, and Veterans of Foreign Wars as Post #10262 Adjutant. He was honored to travel to Washington DC on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in May of 2022. Jim was employed by Sentry Insurance for 35 years. Jim is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Tracy Suski, stepchildren Barb (Karl) Luedke and Dave (Cathi) McKenzie, grandchildren Michael and Katie Flees, Josephine Suski, Jacob and Peter Luedke, and Evan, Connor, and Graham McKenzie. He was preceded in death by his first wife Jean and his parents. Jim loved baseball and was a lifelong New York Yankees fan. He played games for as long as he could and often said "when you can no longer play you keep score". Known as "Jimmy Baseball", he had many fans of his weekly email newsletter. He assisted Pacelli athletics as a game clock operator, scoreboard operator, and statistician. He assisted both local American Legion baseball teams as a scoreboard operator, scorekeeper, and PA announcer. He also served as the first shot clock operator for the UWSP men's basketball program. Jim's love of numbers and statistics was not restricted to sports. He served as treasurer for the Pacelli Athletic Association, American Legion Post 6 baseball program, Community Parks Improvement Committee, The Church of the Intercession Episcopal church, and the Episcopal Cursillo Movement Secretariat. Jim served on the Stevens Point Parks Commission, the Village of Plover Library Committee, was a Trustee for the Village of Park Ridge, and served on the Village Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim was a member of the Vestry of the Church of the Intercession. For the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac Jim proudly served under two bishops on the Finance Committee, the Standing Committee, Secretary of the Trustees, and Investment Committee. Memorials will be donated in Jim's name to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Wausau. A Service to Celebrate his life was held at 11:00

AM on Monday, January 29, 2024 at Beloved Community Church, 900 Brilowski Road, Stevens Point, WI. Pastor Jane Johnson presided. Visitation preceded at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The interment was held at a later date in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.



HOWARD E. SEALSCOTT - Died Friday, December 29, 2023 at 11:00 PM at his residence in Lima, Ohio at the age of 80, with his daughter and loving family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Howard was born on August 31, 1943 in Celina, Ohio to the late James "Jim" and Mary (née Crouch) Sealscott who both preceded him in death. On February 14, 1964 he married Gloria (née Fogt) Sealscott who preceded him in death on August 29, 2005. Howard graduated from Perry High School in 1963. He then enlisted into the United States Army and was honorably discharged after two years of service. Howard worked at Teledyne Ohio Steel for twenty-seven years. He then retired at Saint Rita's Medical Center. Howard and his wife Gloria were members at Union Chapel Missionary Church. He was a member of the Lima Eagles 370, American Legion Post #1270, Lima VFW Post #1275, AMVETS Post #1, Allen County Sportsman's, Pheasants Forever, Nickels Steel Credit Union and was an active board member at the Allen County Veteran Services. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. Howard collected various coins and mason jars. He enjoyed fishing and hunting deer. Howard always found peace in being outdoors. He cherished his children and loved his grandchildren dearly. Howard is survived by his daughter, Melissa (Mike) Hargraves of Lima, OH, grandchildren, Kylee and Steven Sealscott, Sydney, Monica, Whitney, and Tessa Hargraves, and brother, Russell (Joyce) Sealscott of Bluffton, OH. He is preceded in death by his son, Michael "Mike" Sealscott. Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Chiles - Laman Funeral Homes, Shawnee Chapel. Pastor Mark Bayliff officiated the service. The burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery with military rites conducted by the United States Army and Lima Post #1275. Visitation was on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and again from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Shawnee Chapel and one hour prior to the service. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.chiles-lamanfh.com.



GERALD JOHN SENKOVIC - Died Thursday, September 28, 2023 in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart failure and small cell lymphoma. He was born in Cleveland on August 26, 1942. Gerald is survived by Deborah, his beloved wife of 38 years. Devoted Father of Debra Jean (Richard) Columbaro and Lynne Marie (Michael) Downing. Cherished Grandfather of Anthony (Stephanie), Kaylee, Brandon, Brianna, Nicholas, Ryan,

Nathan, Aidan and Justin. Great-Grandfather of Charlie. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay Village Chapter #249** and Disabled American Veterans. Proud graduate of Saint Edward High School Class of 1960. The family received friends in celebration of Gerald's life at Humenik Funeral Chapel, 14200 Snow Road, Brook Park, Ohio on Monday, October 2nd from 4:00-8:00 PM, where Funeral Services were celebrated at 7:30 PM. The interment was in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.



MARVIN CURTIS SETNESS, SR. (USN, MCPON-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, April 12, 2022, in Fargo, North Dakota, of a short illness at the age of 82. He was a resident of Henderson, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fargo on February 27, 1940 to the late Magnar and Oline Setness. He graduated high school from Central High School in 1958 in Fargo, ND. Shortly after graduation he joined the United States Navy. He made the Navy his career, retiring in 1980 at the rank Master Chief Petty Officer. While on leave in 1961, his childhood friend and future brother-in-law, Dave Meinz, introduced him to the sister of the girl he was dating. Her name was Inez Johnson. They were married a couple of weeks later, on April 19, 1961. They immediately moved to California, where Marvin was stationed. They had two sons, Marvin Setness, II and Michael Setness. While in the service Marvin was stationed at many ports and deployed multiple times. His last deployment was in the early 70's at which time his family moved to Moorhead. In 1977, Marvin was stationed in Fargo and oversaw Navy recruiting for eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. After retiring from the Navy, Marvin began his second career as Chief Engineer for Moorhead State University. He worked there for 15 years, before retiring again. During his time in Moorhead, Marvin was involved in many fraternal organizations. He achieved the office of President of the Moorhead VFW, and a member of the Disabled American Veteran, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941** and Korean Vets. Marvin was also the Quartermaster of the Albert E. Johnson VFW Auxiliary Post #1223, and Marvin's wife Inez was the President of the Albert E. Johnson VFW Auxiliary Post #1223. In 2001 Marvin and Inez retired to Henderson Nevada. While there, they met many new friends and enjoyed the warm weather of Nevada. Marvin is survived by sons, Marvin Setness II (Kathy), Michael Setness (Rita) and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Inez, his brother Ralph, and his parents Magnar and Oline. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - 215 7th Street South, Fargo, ND. The burial was at 1:00 PM on May 13, 2022 at the Fargo National Cemetery, Harwood, ND. In lieu of flowers the family requested those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the local Disabled American Veterans Chapter. The arrangements were entrusted to the Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, ND.

GERARD C. SHEEHAN - Died recently in 2023 in Three Bridges, New Jersey at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 26, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**.

RONALD EMERSON SMITH - Died Friday, March 4, 2022 at the Melech Hospice House in Temple Terrace, Florida at the age of 79. He was a resident of Tampa, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 15, 1943 in Dayton, Ohio. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves in 1960 and volunteered for Submarine duty while still attending high school in Vallejo, California and served aboard the USS Pampanito SS-383. After his stepfather who was serving in the USAF was transferred to Everux, France, he obtained an educational deferment from the reserves in order to complete his high school education. After graduating from Dreux American high school in 1962, he returned to the United States and re-entered the Navy and volunteered for Radarman Class "A" School at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Radar school, he reported for sea duty aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid CVS-11 and completed two tours of duty to Vietnam. After his first tour to Vietnam, he returned to the United States and on December 10, 1966 in Newport News, Virginia married his soul mate for life, Linda Sue Strawser who preceded him in death July 20, 2002. He retired from General Telephone of Florida in 1993. In October 2004, he became a volunteer usher at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, and also did volunteer work for LifePath Hospice in Tampa, Florida. He was a life member of the American Legion, life member of AMVETS, and life member of the Former Crew Members of the USS Intrepid. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*. He is survived in life by his daughter Stacha Kinslow and her husband Jon and granddaughter Katherine Kinslow; son, Scott Smith and his wife Lynda and grandson Jacob and granddaughter Jenna Smith. A graveside service was held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 14, 2022 in Riverside Cemetery, West Milton, Ohio. The arrangements were in care of Hale-Sarver Family Funeral Home, West Milton. Online memories of Ronald may be left for the family at www.hale-sarver.com.



MERVYN LeROY "Butch" STANAWAY - Died Monday morning, December 11, 2023 at his home in Negaunee, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Butch was born on May 4, 1947 in Negaunee to the late Mervyn and Ruth (née Hautamaki) Stanaway and attended West Ishpeming Schools until the family moved to Negaunee. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having honorably served for three years during the Vietnam War. Following his service to his country, Butch worked at the family business, Stan's Auto and Towing. He was a lifetime member of V.A. Romo Post #3165, Negaunee VFW. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380*. Butch was an avid fan of NASCAR and enjoyed cheering for the Detroit Lions and Tigers. Most of all, he enjoyed visiting with his many friends downtown Negaunee over a cold Butch Light. Surviving are his brother, Brian Stanaway of Ishpeming; sister, Patricia Seppala of Ishpeming; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Susan Stanaway in 2017; and four brothers: Ken, Ray, David and Donald. A Celebration of Life was held from 4:00-7:00 PM on Saturday, December 23rd at the Negaunee VFW. The interment took place in the Negaunee Cemetery. Butch's memorial page may be viewed at koskeyfuneralhome.com.

DONALD F. STERNLOFF, JR. – Died Saturday, December 2, 2023 in Bluefield, West Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on July 10, 1941. He served in the United States Air Force from November 5, 1963 to December 5, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**.



JAMES MELVIN "Jim" STOCKSTAD - Died Tuesday, June 4, 2019 in Rosewood on Broadway, Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 70. He was a resident of Moorhead, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Father's Day, June 20, 1948 in Graceville, Minnesota to the late Olaf Melvin and Nellie Nadene (née Bergstresser) Stockstad. From there the family moved to Great Falls, MT, where his sister, Jackie, was born. They then moved to Minot, ND, before settling in Moorhead in 1957 where Jim graduated from Moorhead High School in 1966. In 1968, Jim married Cathy Wurzbacher and together they had two daughters, Lisa and Jamie. Jim joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1968 and served his country in Da Nang, Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. Upon returning to the United States he enrolled in electronic classes at Moorhead Technical College. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. Jim worked as a Service Manager for Traveland, a film tech for the Safari Theater and owned Pro Tech Electronics. He later worked for Don Engebretson Construction with his last employment as maintenance engineer at the Stamart Truck Stop. In 2001, Jim married Carol Dodge and they made their home in Moorhead. Jim was always on the go and taking on amazing projects, He and Carol bought a fire damaged house that he restored into a beautiful home, complete with his dream garage. In his garage, he worked on his pride and joy, a 1977 Corvette. He enjoyed going to car shows and was proud of the trophies he received for his restoration. It was a true testament to his hard work. Jim enjoyed sports and played softball, bowled and loved golfing. He also enjoyed camping at the NHRA drag races in Brainerd, MN. It was during this event Jim was able to spend time with his friend he affectionately called his "nother brother" Robert "Butch" Olson. He liked motorcycles and motorcycle races. Jim was a big NASCAR fan and his favorite driver was Jeff Gordon. He was so excited when he had the opportunity to watch Gordon race in the Daytona 500. Jim was the "go-to" guy if you needed help building, fixing or refinishing. He was a "quick-witted" prankster who loved life and his family. In his final year he was a resident of Rosewood on Broadway in Fargo, where he once again touched people's lives with his spirit. Even though he wasn't able to speak much or walk, he still managed to wheel himself around and cause mischief. The wave of his hand and precious smile made people happy. The family would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the amazing staff at both Rosewood and Hospice who provided such wonderful care and love. Jim will be dearly missed by his wife, Carol; daughters, Lisa (Brandon) Driscoll and Jamie (Isaac) Drewlow; grandchildren, Chase (Emily), Gage, Greta, Madalynn and Isaac; great-grandson, Graham; sister, Jackie (Joe) McNamara; niece, Diana Flowers; nephew, Shaun McNamara; great-nephew, Graysen Flowers; Jim's brother Jerry's children, Damon, Michael, Kevin, Gail and Jerlyn; Carol's children, Chrishann, Christopher (Tina), Mary, Robert and Mandy; her seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Gerald "Jerry"

Dworak. A Celebration of Jim's Life was held on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the O'Kelly's in the Biltmore Hotel, 3800 Main Avenue, Fargo, ND, followed by a gathering of friends until 7:00 PM. The Korsmo Funeral Service in Moorhead, Minnesota was in charge of the arrangements.



MARVIN DONALD "Don" STORY - Died Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home in Anderson, South Carolina at the age of 81. He was a resident of Westminster, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lincolnton, Georgia on January 1, 1942 to the late Marvin Prather and Irene (née Martin) Story. He was the husband of Stella (née Ramey) Story. Don was a United States Air Force Veteran having served for 10 years with 1 year in Da Nang, Vietnam, a member of the Walhalla American Legion Post #124 where he served with the Honor Guard Team, and a member of Welcome Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Walhalla Chapter #1017**. Don is survived by his loving wife, Stella; son, Todd Story (Angie); grandson, Caleb Story (Shannon); great-grandchildren, Kaeli Story, Ryder Story, Harper Story; and his sister, Shelvie McKinney. In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by his sister, Linda Crook. A Graveside Service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery. The family is at their respective homes. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Don's memory to Patriot Hospice, 4741 Highway 153, Suite B, Easley, SC 29640. Condolences may be expressed online by visiting www.sandiferfuneralhome.com. The Sandifer Funeral Home assisted the Story family with all the arrangements.



CONNIE L. TAYLOR – Died Friday, November 24, 2023 in London, Kentucky at the age of 76. The cause of death was heart failure and coronary heart disease. He was born in Pulaski County, Kentucky on April 12, 1947. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a truly remarkable soul, a man whose life was a testament to love, service, and an unwavering connection to the beauty of the natural world. On Friday November 24th, our beloved Connie Taylor left this earthly realm, leaving behind a legacy that will forever be etched in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Connie, a proud Vietnam United States Marine Corps Veteran, dedicated his youth to a cause greater than himself. His courage, resilience, and commitment to duty during those tumultuous times spoke volumes about the kind of person he was. His selflessness and sacrifice for the sake of freedom will be remembered and honored for generations to come. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. Beyond his military service, Connie loved the Lord, which guided him in times of joy and offering solace during moments of challenge. His godly nature shone brightly, leaving an indelible mark on all who crossed his path. Connie lived by the principles of compassion, forgiveness, and

love, embodying the teachings that inspired him. Nature was Connie's sanctuary, and he found solace in the great outdoors. Whether it was the tranquility of a park, the majesty of a mountain peak, or a beautiful flower in the wild, he reveled in the awe-inspiring wonders of creation. A talented photographer, Connie had a unique gift for capturing the essence of the world around him. Through his lens, he shared the intricate details of breathtaking landscapes and flowers that often go unnoticed. His photographs were not merely images but windows into the soul of the natural world, a testament to his ability to see beauty where others might not. As we bid farewell, let us remember Connie with gratitude for the countless ways he touched our lives. In the vibrant views of his many pictures his spirit lives on. May we find comfort in knowing that Connie's journey continues in the embrace of the divine, surrounded by the boundless beauty he so deeply cherished. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, 6980 Danville Road, Nicholasville, Kentucky with military honors. Care Cremation and Funeral Service was honored to be entrusted with his care.

THOMAS G. "Tom" THOMKA – Died Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 13, 1946. He served in the United States Army from April 30, 1968 to January 23, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**.



DONALD J. "Don" TIENOR - Died Tuesday morning, November 28, 2023 at the Manitowoc Health & Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 78. He was a resident of Manitowoc. The cause of death is unknown. Don was born on June 6, 1945 in Manitowoc to the late Arnold and Albertha (née Jung) Tienor. He grew up in the Valders area and graduated from Valders High School in 1963. Don was drafted into the United States Army serving from September 20, 1965, until July 12, 1967, when he was Honorably Discharged. While in Vietnam Don received two Purple Hearts and Bronze Star. On May 15, 1971, Don was married to Mardell J. Sorenson at Faith Lutheran Church in Valders. The couple lived for 45 years in Valders, moving to Manitowoc in 2016. Don worked for the Valders Lumber Company and retired from Braun Building Center in Manitowoc. Don was active in the past with the Valders Fire Department and served as Assistant Fire Chief and served as an EMT with the Valders Ambulance Service. Don also served the Village of Valders on the Valders Village Board. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Manitowoc Chapter #731**, Thompson-Burkard American Legion Post #28 of Valders. Survivors include his wife Mardell Tienor, Manitowoc; three children: Michael (Kristin) Tienor, Crandon, Sherie (Ryan) Nelson, Duluth, MN, Mark (Natalie) Tienor, Greenville; six grandchildren: Ethan, Jacob, Marissa, Conor, MacKenzie, Jackson; three brothers and sisters-in-law: David (Kathy) Tienor, Paul (Gladys) Tienor, Dan (Liz) Tienor; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Janet Wadzinske, Eleanor (Greg) Matczynski,

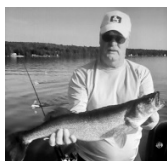
Dennis Basken; three brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law: Bev Markovics, Roger Sorenson, LeRoy (Karen) Sorenson, Paul (Theresa) Sorenson, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents: Arnold and Albertha Tienor; two sisters and three brothers-in-law: Delores Basken, Mary (Jim) LaFond, Joe Markovics, Jim Wadzinske; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Claude and Mildred Sorenson. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Faith Lutheran Church, 255 Roosevelt Street, Valders. Reverend Dan Lyman officiated with burial to follow in the Gjerpen Cemetery with full Military Honors. Relatives and friends visited the family at the church on Saturday from 9:00 until 10:45 AM. The Lakeshore Family Funeral Homes, Pfeffer location assisted the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.lakeshorefamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family would like to thank Dr. Lynn Baatz and her staff of the Froedtert Holy Family Oncology Department, the staff of Froedtert Holy Family Homecare and the staff of the Sharon S. Richardson Hospice for their loving care shown to Don.

JAMES J. "JJ" THOMAS – Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Green Cove Springs, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 6, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1992 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1970 to August 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**.



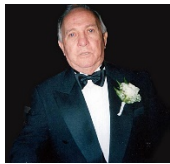
DUANE LEROY TWITE - Died Monday, December 25, 2023 at the UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's of Sioux City, Iowa at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Vermillion, South Dakota on May 15, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1968 to August 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**.

ROBERT WAYNE van RIPER - Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 4 1943. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**.



THOMAS E. "Tom" VICKSTROM - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at his home in Ishpeming, Michigan at the age of 74, after battling cancer. Tom was born in Stambaugh, Michigan on January 17, 1949 to the late Marie C. (née Bureau) Vickstrom and Edward C.

Vickstrom. He was a graduate of the Ishpeming High School, Class of 1967. Following graduation Tom enlisted in the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War. Tom worked for the Operating Engineers #324 for many years as a diesel mechanic and machine operator. He was a member of the Ishpeming Cribbage League and enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Survivors include his wife of the past 28 years, Darla Vickstrom of North Lake Loc., daughter, Tara (Joel) Heribacka of Sheboygan, WI, two sons, Joel (Sarah) Vickstrom and Jared (Betty) Vickstrom both of Ishpeming, two step-daughters, Staci Owens of Lone Tree, CO and Regina Benvenue of Chandler, AZ, 9 grandchildren, 2 great granddaughters, sister, Laurel (Joe) Urbaniak of Grand Forks, ND and two brothers, Richard (Anita) Vickstrom, of Marquette and Steven Vickstrom of Neenah, WI. Per Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a private interment took place at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Marquette. Tom's obituary may also be viewed at bjorkandzhulkie.com where relatives and friends may leave a note of remembrance.



JOSE A. VILA - Died Friday, April 7, 2023 in Miami, Florida at the age of 86. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Havana, Cuba on February 13, 1937. He served in the United States Army from November 9, 1962 to May 31, 1963. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. A memorial service for Jose was held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Caballero Rivero - Little Havana, 3344 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.riverofuneralhomemiami.com for the Vila family.



WERNER G. WEITZEL - Died Sunday, September 24, 2023 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. Werner was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on December 1, 1937 to the late George and Louise Weitzel. He completed a long and honorable career in the United States Army and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portland Chapter #392**. A visitation for Werner was held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Finley-Sunset Hills Mortuary, 6801 SW Sunset Highway, Portland, OR, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM. Werner was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE Mount Scott Boulevard, Portland, Oregon. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.finleysunsethills.com for the Weitzel family.



ALVIN D. WHITEHILL - Died Sunday, January 14, 2024 at his home in Georgetown, Pennsylvania at the age of 72, with his wife and son by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Alvin was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on April 17, 1951 to the late James A. and Mildred Jean (née Pail) Whitehill. He was a graduate of Southside High School Class of 1969 and attended Robert Morris College. Alvin was a veteran of the United States Army proudly serving during the Vietnam War. He worked as a truck driver for Roadway Express and operated the family farm, a bicentennial farm. Alvin was a member of the Teamster Union, Richard Vaux Lodge #454, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland Chapter #862** and Beaver Valley Antique Equipment and Crafts Association. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Preceding Alvin in death was his daughter Rebecca Dawn “Becky” Black. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 51 years, whom he married December 16, 1972, Doris “Debbie” (née Sutherin) Whitehill; son Robert D. Whitehill; two grandchildren Rachel Black and Chance Whitehill; two brothers James D. Whitehill and his wife Sharon and Thomas J. Whitehill and his wife Mary and two sisters Brenda Petkunas and her husband John and Bonnie Genre and her husband Joe. Friends visited at the Dawson Funeral Home on Thursday where the family was present from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Reverends Paul Treese and Rick Ford conducted a service at the funeral home on Friday at 11:00 AM where Vietnam Veterans of America provided military honors. The burial was at Mill Creek Hill Cemetery.



RUSSELL EUGENE WHITENER – Died Wednesday, January 10, 2024 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Louis on August 28, 1943. He served in the United States Army from November 12, 1968 to November 11, 1974 with a tour in Vietnam with A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery. He was a *Life Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



CORA MARIE WHITING-MAYO – Died Tuesday, December 26, 2023 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the age of 87. She was a resident of Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Hunter, Oklahoma on May 25, 1936 to the late William Henry Pinegar and Cora Leota (née Carpenter) Pinegar. Marie received her education in Lamont and was baptized at the age of 14. She began working for Quality Chevrolet in Wichita, Kansas in 1956 and continued to work there until she joined the United States Army in 1962 where she served her

country for 4 years. She moved back "home" to Tonkawa in 1967 where she was united with Don Hoover. Marie later began her career at Conoco in Ponca City in 1972 where she worked until she retired in 1988. Marie became involved with the Tonkawa Basketball Boosters where she took charge of the concession stand which earned her the name Grandma Bob, which she was still affectionately called until the time of her death. She was a member of the Patriot Guard, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Ponca City Chapter #750** where she served as secretary of the Chapter. She went on to become State Council Secretary and President. She received many service awards to include Region 7 Veteran of the Year and Female Veteran of the Year for the State of Oklahoma. She loved to travel, visiting 42 of the 50 states. Marie enjoyed gardening, following her grandkids activities and Bingo. She was anticipating the birth of Cindy and Bryce's baby who will arrive in June. Marie was happy to reconnect and build a relationship with her grandson Abram Hoover and his family: Amber, Andrew, Ashlyn, and Asa. She doted on her grandchildren Colby and Cindy along with special granddaughter Ruby Nicole. Whatever their wants were, Grandma made sure to take care of it. After losing her home to fire in July of 2015, she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Divina and Steve where she resided until her death. Marie is survived by her daughter Divina and husband Steve McCormack, grandson Colby and wife Katie Love, granddaughter Cindy Love and fiancé Bryce Williamson, special great-granddaughter Ruby along with Abram Hoover and family, two special friends Billie Whitehead and Sharon Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter Maurita, her brothers Earl and Jess, and two husbands, Don Hoover and Ralph Mayo. As well as her special friend Peggy Ingmire. Visitation for Marie took place on Tuesday, January 2, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Grace Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Grace Memorial Chapel. The burial was at the Tonkawa I.O.O.F. Cemetery.



JOHN E. WOODLING - Died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at his home in Stroudsburg, Jackson Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Egypt, Pennsylvania on January 19, 1946 to the late William Woodling and Elizabeth (née Renner) Woodling. John was raised in Reeders, Pennsylvania and graduated from Pocono Mountain High School and East Stroudsburg University where he received his Bachelor's Degree ('68) and Master's Degree ('76) in Political Science. John served as a First Lieutenant with the United States Army from 1968 to 1971. He served as senior advisor to both the 9th Infantry Division Recon Company and 3rd Battalion, 16th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. For his dedicated service, John received a Bronze Star Medal with V Device, a Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge. His commitment to those who served was often hidden discreetly under the cuff of his shirt on a dull metal band. Etched on the band is Ernest Olds and 3-11-68, which is the name and date of a serviceman who is still missing in action. He wore the bracelet every day for 52 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. John's career included working for the Stroudsburg community planning firm of Michael Cabot and Associates until 1990 when he took the role of Director of the Monroe County Planning

Commission, a position he held until his retirement in 2012. Throughout his life, John was committed to both the Pocono Mountains and to preserving the environment. These efforts included leading the Monroe 2020 Comprehensive Plan and serving on several committees at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. Recently, John received an award for his dedicated service on the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund Board, where he served as Chairman for many years. John's favorite pastime was freshwater fishing, which included many trips to Canada and local lakes, bringing his canoe or his boat the "Slippery Slope." As John would often say, "even if the fish aren't biting, it's never a bad day when you are out on the water." John met his wife Nina M. Barbara in 1990 when both worked at the Monroe County Courthouse. They married in 1997 and recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. His life was surrounded by the love of Nina and his two daughters, Megan Claire (Woodling) Graham (Chicago) and Elise Corinne (Woodling) Rupinski and husband Erik (Richmond, VA), stepsons Frankie Barbara and partner Michelle DeLuca (Albrightsville, PA) and Jeffrey Barbara and wife Jessica (Scotrun, PA). He will be greatly missed by his granddaughters Kendall Paige and Piper Noelle, who he adored with all his heart. John is also survived by his siblings Donald Woodling and wife Robin, Russell Woodling and wife Barbara and sister Carole (Woodling) Kotula and husband Fred. A visitation took place at the Zion United Church of Christ, 14 North 8th Street, Stroudsburg, PA from 2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, October 14, 2023. A memorial service followed the visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg PA, 18360 or to Zion United Church of Christ, 14 North 8th Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

JAMES RICHARD "Jim" WRIGHT – Died Saturday, January 13, 2024 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was a blood clot. He was born in New York City, New York on April 2, 1949. He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen, his brothers, and many nieces and nephews. Jim was a huge fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. He was a friend to all and was there for anyone who needed his help. Jim was a Vietnam veteran and proud to serve his country in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Titan League for many years. Jim visited a neighborhood firehouse at Christmas as well as several hospitals and Special Olympics Chapters to help distribute presents to children and young adults. He was an usher at Blessed Sacrament Church for more than 20 years and at one time was a member of the Parish Council. Family and friends visited the Matthew Funeral Home, 2508 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island on Thursday, January 18, 2024 From 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:00 AM. The burial was in the Moravian Cemetery.



CAREY L. YOUNG - Died Sunday, January 28, 2024 in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of 77. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma on September 23, 1946 to the late Morris R. and Mattie G. (née Bradford) Young. Carey joined the United States Army and proudly served during the Vietnam War. On October 1, 1966, he married Sandra Marie Helleksen. For 57 years, they shared many adventures together. He worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for 30 years, and later for Union Pacific Railroad for 11 ½ years, traveling all over the country with his family. Carey belonged to the fellowship of the Bonner Springs Church of Christ. He was also a member of the VFW, American Legion, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Leavenworth Chapter #75**. Carey was a skilled wood-worker who loved country music, the color red, and cheering for the Dallas Cowboys and Oklahoma Sooners. If his team was playing, you would hear him shouting “Boomer Sooner!” He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, James Young, and brother, James Edward Young. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; daughters, Lauri Young, Cathy Howard (Matt) and Sarah Young; grandchildren, Matt Smith, Noah Johnson, Skyler Gonzalez and James Gonzalez; great-grandchildren, Matthew Smith and Jacob Smith; brothers, Rex Young and Dwayne Young, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Farewell Services were held at a later date. Natural Farewell was under the direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Autism Speaks. Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com.



THANE WOODARD ZIMMERMAN – Died Friday, November 3, 2023 in Moorhead, Minnesota at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Two Harbors, Minnesota on January 4, 1947 to the late Theodore and Orlaine (Jo) Zimmerman. In trying to keep up with his older brothers, he became strong and fast. He excelled in sports, was a member of the Student Council and he was Class President. He received a scholarship to Moorhead State University to play football. He played for a year and then felt a different calling. Thane joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966. He served two tours in the Vietnam War and was a combat Veteran. During his time in the Marines, he received meritorious promotions from Private E-3 to Corporal and then from Corporal to Sergeant. Over the years, he became increasingly proud of the military service of all his brothers and extended family members. After finishing his time in the Marines at Camp Pendleton, CA in 1969, he moved back to Moorhead with his growing family to return to college. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. He joined the Moorhead Police Department in 1973. He worked and attended college, graduating with a degree in Criminal Justice in 1975. During his time on the MPD, he was a Field Training Officer, a Detective, and an Undercover Officer. Thane left the police force but continued serving his community when he became a deputy for the Clay County Sheriff's Department in 1991. While there, he was asked to be part of an Emergency Response Unit (SWAT) and was team lead from its inception in 1993 until 2005. Thane also performed loss prevention services for over 30 years for Coborn's (CashWise) throughout the Fargo-Moorhead area. He met the love of his life, Thea, in 1980 and they married on May 20th, 1981. Together, they laughed, loved, dreamed, and lived for 42 years. They shared a passion for being creative and enjoying their friends and family. Her smile brightened his day! Along with the honor of serving his country and community,

Thane was proud of his Native American heritage as a member of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa. The Zimmerman family totem is the Crane, which symbolizes the orator or history teller, of the tribe. And he could definitely tell the stories!! You never quite knew how much was true and how much was embellished. He was the master of one-liners and loved when someone would challenge him to a battle of banter. One thing was for sure - everyone looked forward to hearing a tale from Thane! He had a knack for making you laugh, carrying off a great prank, or drawing you into a memory and bringing it to life. He will be missed around dining room tables and campfires to come, but we will forever repeat his stories and remember the laughter and the love behind every word. Thane has four amazing daughters, Trista Zimmerman (Jason Dorroh), Tyia Patnaude (Larry), Twana Weiler (Pat Dew), and Thayla Zimmerman and one incredible son, Christopher Carroll (Amber). He is grandpa to 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. The world will be a better place with them in it. A memorial gathering was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM at Wright Funeral Home, Moorhead, MN. The burial was in the Fargo National Cemetery, Fargo, ND.

*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!*