



**JIMMIE D. "Jim" AKERS, SR.** - Died Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1947, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to the late Jack David and Joyce Celeste (née Bryant) Akers. He joined the United States Army on March 24, 1966 and served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged March 5, 1969. In 1972, he married Marie Dugan, and to this union had 3 children, Mike, Jack, and Jimmie Jr. On June 16th, 2020, he married Sarah. During his free time Jimmie enjoyed golfing, traveling, fishing, and camping. He loved all things patriotic, being an advocate for veterans and their families. He also loved helping people and volunteering at the church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Jimmie is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Joycie Akers. He is survived by his wife Sarah; sisters Kathy Edwards, and Teresa Walker, wife of Dennis Walker; sons Mike Akers, Jack Akers and wife Lori, and Jimmie Jr. and wife Tamasan; Sarah's children Winter McGee and husband Tanner, Mike Hernandez, and Jesse Hernandez; grandchildren Ashley Rancier and husband Aaron, Alyssa Dickinson and husband Johnny, Dakota Bailey, Cameron Akers, Kirsten Akers, Madison Long, Sydney Long, Britney (Brandon) Wolfrum, Emily (Payden) Day, Collin Akers, and Keagan Akers; Sarah's grandchildren Jaxon and Benjamin McGee; and great-grandchildren Aleeya Bailey, Rhett Bailey, Kailor Dickinson, Michaela Dickinson, Cayde Wolfrum, Maylee Day, Kasen Day, and Arlo Day. A funeral service was held on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Freewill Baptist Church, 1900 East Hubbard Road, Ponca City, OK. The burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park, Ponca City, OK. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory, 505 West Grand Avenue, Ponca City, OK.



**CHARLIE "Hawk" ANDERSON, SR.** – Died Friday, September 1, 2023 in Spartanburg, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Spartanburg on January 23, 1948 to the late Isaac Anderson and Alice (née Thomas) Anderson. He was raised in Pauline, South Carolina. Mr. Anderson, affectionately known as Charlie Hawk, entered eternal rest peacefully in his home on Friday, September 1, 2023 after a brief illness. Charlie Hawk loved people. He never met a stranger and he gave a nickname to everyone he knew. He graduated from Lincoln High School and shortly after, he entered into the United States Army. While in the Army, Charlie Hawk served in the Vietnam War and participated in boxing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1049**. He was an avid bowler and in prior years he loved playing baseball. He was a member of the Imperial Social Club for many years where they adorned the colors black and gold. He was a long time employee of Spartanburg Steel and eventually retired from there after many promotions and 36 years of service. After retirement Charlie Hawk loved swapping war stories with other military Veterans and sitting in his favorite chair watching westerns. Charlie Hawk was a loving husband, brother, father and

grandfather. Left to cherish fond memories are his wife Shirley (née Pitts) Anderson; one daughter Likita (Bryan) Michelle Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia; one son Charlie “Chip” Anderson, Jr. of Spartanburg, South Carolina; one sister Reverend Pitty Hudson; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son Anthony Hunter formerly of Union, South Carolina; and his brother Mr. Leroy “Shank” Anderson formerly of Spartanburg, South Carolina. He will be missed, but the memories will be lasting. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM at The John Stinson Woodward Memorial Chapel, 602 Howard Street, Spartanburg, SC. The burial was in the Heritage Memorial Gardens, 3901 South Church Street, Roebuck, SC.



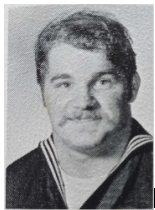
**DALE EMERY ANDERSON** - Died Friday, February 23, 2024 at Avantara in Milbank, South Dakota at the age of 75. He was a resident of La Bolt, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milbank, South Dakota on September 28, 1948 to the late Arnold "Emery" and Helen (née Jerde) Anderson. He was baptized and confirmed at LaBolt Evangelical Covenant Church in LaBolt, SD. He attended grade school in LaBolt and later graduated from Milbank High School in 1966. Dale worked at the Herald Advance newspaper in Milbank during high school and after graduating worked for Honeywell in Minneapolis before he was drafted into the United States Army in March 1969. Dale was honorably discharged in February 1971. He was awarded: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge Air Medal, and Bronze Star Medal. After returning to LaBolt, Dale worked as Fire Chief in LaBolt until he started traveling with the railroad. He started working for Burlington Northern railroad and when he was laid off attend SDSU for one semester where he met his bride to be, Betty Threadgold. They were married on September 15, 1973, and recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. The couple made their home in LaBolt and were blessed with four children: Heidi, Hannah, Josh, and Hayley. Dale worked for Burlington Northern where he held many titles for over the course of 35 years. Dale was not a man of many words but enjoyed the company of his coffee group. He was a lifetime member of Countryside Covenant Church (LaBolt Evangelical Covenant) where he served on the council and was an usher. He was a member of: the VFW; Fifth Battalion Seventh Calvary Association; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**; Disabled American Veterans; and the American Legion for 51 years. He savored taking things apart to later put them back together. He loved looking at cars. Anytime he was in town you could be sure to find him driving through the dealerships. He was fond of attending local auctions. Dale was thrilled to be spending time outdoors going deer and pheasant hunting. He and his dad owned a cabin on Big Stone Lake where many memories were made as he drove his boat. Dale enjoyed watching the Twins, Vikings, and game shows on television. Of course, he was known to love all of his very special dogs who placed a huge part in his life. Above all these things, Dale was truly honored to spend his time with his wife, cherished children, and amazing grandchildren. Dale will be forever loved and deeply missed by his wife, Betty of LaBolt, SD; their four children: Heidi (Dan) Beach of

Ashley, ND; Hannah (Branden) Stewart of Aberdeen, SD; Josh Anderson of Woodworth, ND; and Hayley (Nathan) Harrington of Clarkston, WA; sister, Karen Layher of Milbank, SD; twin brother, Duane (Sue) Anderson of Laurel, MT; sisters-in-law: Kathleen Threadgold of Sioux Falls, SD; Janice (Don) Froehlich of Brookings, SD; and Kathie (Roger) Nordtvedt of Sioux Falls, SD; and Dianne Threadgold of Topeka, KS; six grandchildren: Carter (Maddie) Anderson; Kebba Beach; Keeda Beach; Bianka Stewart; Keegan Stewart; and Kellan Stewart and Baby Harrington due in August; many nieces and nephews; and of course, his eight grand-dogs. Dale is preceded in death by his parents: Emery and Helen Anderson; his father and mother in-law: Robert and Doris Threadgold; his brothers-in-law: Charles Layher; Bob Threadgold; and Donald Threadgold. The Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Countryside Covenant Church near LaBolt. Pastor John DePalma officiated. Memorial Visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Saturday. The inurnment was at the LaBolt Cemetery.



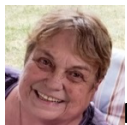
**JAYNE MARY ANDERSON**- Died Saturday, February 3, 2024 in De Pere, Wisconsin at the age of 77. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin on September 15, 196 to the late Edward Charles Fowles and Audrey (née Russell) Fowles. I graduated from Green Bay West High School class of 1965. I worked at Grandcare Nursing Home and San Luis Manor following high school. I worked in the family business many years and helped managed the family business, Machine Service, Inc. along with my brothers Edward and William (Bill). My father had transitioned the business to my generation many years prior to his passing and now on to his grandsons. Living in De Pere this past 27 years. I retired from the family business in 2013 but have still visited from time to time because I missed seeing the family and people that I worked with. Met my husband Michael (Mike) Anderson after high school through a mutual friend and we married on December 23, 1967, at Annunciation Catholic Church and after a short honeymoon, he left for his next duty station in the Army, and they didn't give him a lot of time off. When I saw him get on that plane heading to Vietnam I thought I would never see him again but thank God he made it back. Mike and I enjoyed bowling in a few couples leagues many years ago. I loved shopping and reading, mostly mystery novels, a lot of them. I enjoyed baking when we had family gathering and holidays and spending time with all the family. I also enjoyed home decorating as Mike will attest to. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 and now 5 years later our 55<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of shopping, my favorite store to show at, Christopher and Banks, asked me a few times to model their clothing lines of which I was thrilled. I was honored to be featured on the cover of one of our nephew's record albums. It pictured me a few years earlier in my first communion dress. This was Sam Fowles Band. I enjoyed the many get-togethers I had over the years with my dear cousins, Nancy Peterson, Kay Corcoran, Kathie Ryerson, and Judy Russell and of course the many shopping trips. Trips to Door County, many interesting eating places and of course chocolate venues. We enjoyed many cruises with friends along with trips to Hawaii and England, Paris, and Germany on a semi

business/pleasure trip. I was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**, and enjoyed the many get togethers with all of our friends. I also enjoyed sitting with Mike watching Packer games although sometimes I would be doing other things in the kitchen between plays. I was also a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Green Bay. Jayne is survived by her husband Michael “Mike” and our sons, Michael Jr. and Aaron (Kristy); grandchildren Lauren (Andrew) Sislo, Ryan Anderson, Amelia and Eli Butz; great-grandchildren Audrey Rivera (proudly named after my mother) and Mason Sislo. Sisters-in-law Linda Fowles, Jackie Fowles, and Roxanne Sadowitz; nieces and nephews Christopher (Katie) Fowles, David Fowles, Samuel (Krista) Fowles, Sandra (Bryan) Monzon, Michelle (Filipe) Ceva, and many grand nieces and nephews also survive. I was preceded in death by my parents Edward and Audrey (Russell) Fowles and brothers William “Bill” and Edward “Ed” Fowles. Family and Friends visited at the Ryan Funeral Home, 305 North Tenth Street, De Pere, WI from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday, February 16, 2024. Visitation continued at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 401 Gray Street, Green Bay, WI on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 AM until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM with Reverend Father Don Everts officiating. The interment was in the Allouez Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum. A special thank you to our personal “Angel/Caregiver” Wendy, whom we loved dearly. She cared for Jayne for many months and continued that caregiving at the assisted living facility. She is the daughter that Jayne wished she had. Truly love between them. Also thank you Tracey for your abundant caregiving and another special thank you to long time dear friend Nancy Tomchek for all the love and support these last few years. I wish to thank the caregivers at Allouez Parkside Village for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Research, Wisconsin Humane Society (which she has a soft spot in her heart for), or your favorite charity.



**MICHAEL A. “Iron-Mike” BACIGALUPO** – Died Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in Winchester, New Hampshire at the age of 71, in the comfort of his home after a brief period of declining health, with the love of family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Athol, Massachusetts on June 5, 1952 to the late Frances J. (née Kellogg) Bacigalupo and William L. Bacigalupo. Mike attended local schools in Massachusetts and attended Athol High School in Athol, MA. After high school, Mike continued his education at the Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, MA. earning his associate’s degree in Technology and Electronics Engineering and Human Services. Michael was inducted into Who’s-Who of American Junior Colleges. He then attended the University of Massachusetts (UMASS) in Amherst, MA. There would not be time to include all of his accomplishments in local sports and mentoring of youth and adults. He gave to his community with an open heart. Michael enlisted into the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Radioman on September 22, 1971. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Michael was honorably discharged on August 23, 1973, at the rank of E2/ RA. On August 29, 1974, Michael exchanged vows with the love of his life, Bonnie L. LaFrenier. They had a simple

service in Gardner, MA. with family and friends celebrating them. Michael was formerly employed by F.P. International as their N.E. Regional Electronic Engineering Tech for 15 years until he retired in 2012. Mike enjoyed his time going fishing and hunting, sports, being a big outdoorsman, and being one with nature. He also was a basketball referee, played semi-pro baseball, and was very athletic. Mike was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340**. He enjoyed his simple life playing solitaire and Sudoku while enjoying his vast music collection including every genre you could imagine. Mr. Bacigalupo is survived by his wife, Bonnie L. Bacigalupo of Winchester, their daughter, Julie A. Tomlinson, and her husband, Sean of Worcester, MA. his four siblings, Nancy Bacigalupo of Athol, MA., Richard “Cookie” Bacigalupo of Athol, MA., Mark Bacigalupo of Springfield, MA., and Dawn Maroni of Athol, MA. Mike is also survived by his two grandchildren, Megan Nguyen-Richard and her wife, Linh of Braintree, MA. and Brian Tomlinson of Worcester, MA., along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Michael is predeceased by his parents, his brother, William “Bud” Bacigalupo Jr., and his son Kenneth W. Bacigalupo who passed in 1976. In keeping with Michael’s wishes there were no services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Meals on Wheels, <https://www.hcsservices.org/services/nutrition-for-seniors/meals-on-wheels/>, in Keene. All services were under the care of the Cheshire Family Funeral Home and Crematories, 46 South Winchester Street, Swanzey, NH. [www.cheshirefamilyfh.com](http://www.cheshirefamilyfh.com).



**MARGARET A. BALLOU** - Died Sunday, January 15, 2023 in Howell, Michigan at the age of 75. She was a resident of Marion Township, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on October 28, 1947. Margaret was the beloved wife of William for 55 years. She was the loving mother of Michelle (Bill) Gamble and Douglas (Jennifer) Ballou. She was the cherished grandmother of Zachary, Cameron, Brianna, and Kayla. Margaret was the dear sister of Ray Henwood, Marian (the late Martin) Johnson, David (Peggy) Henwood, and the late James Ross. She was the proud aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. Her family received visitors at the Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home, 706 West Main Street, on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 12:00 Noon until the time of the funeral service at 5:00 PM. Memorial donations can be made in Margaret's name to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation at [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org).



**JOHN DONALD “Donny” BARBER** (USA, CPT-Ret.)- Died Friday, June 30, 2023 at his home in Salisbury, North Carolina at the age of 65, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1957 in Hope Mills, North Carolina to the late Donald Barber and Peggy (née Dow) Barber. John proudly served his country in the United States Navy and United States Army. John was a graduate of Liberty University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church of China Grove. He was a Retired Captain from the

United States Army and was an Iraq War Veteran. He also retired from the South Boston Police Department in Virginia. John was a *Life Member* of DAV, VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hickory Chapter #1136**, and was a member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post #342. John was a past Commander of AMVETS Post #845 of Rockwell and a member of the AMVETS Riders Post #845. John was also a member of Furniture Land Chapter Antique Automobile Club of America and the Thomasville Memorial Day Ceremony Committee. He was very active in the Boy Scouts of America as an Adult Leader for Troop #4324, and Pack #324 as well as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop #4328 and Troop #324. John was awarded the National AMVETS Leadership award in Scouting for 2022. In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by his sister, Diane Barber. John is survived by his wife, Ann (née Thomas) Barber of Salisbury; children, Ann Elizabeth Wiles and husband Jeremy of Rockwell, and Layton Everett Barber of the Home; granddaughters, Juno Wiles and Jessa Toby Wiles; brothers, Jesse D. Barber and wife Karen of Sevierville, TN, and Roy N. Barber and wife Stephanie of Lexington; sister, Peggy Kay Stone and husband Jimmy of Lexington; brother-in-law, Richard L. Thomas and wife Sue of Rocky Mount, VA; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends Keith and Linda Hensley, and Queen Williams. Visitation and funeral services were held on Monday, July 3, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church, officiated by Minister Lucas Safrit. A Military Graveside Service was held 11:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2023 at the Salisbury National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ruby's Pantry, 4914 Old Beatty Ford Road, China Grove, NC 28023 or please take your family out for a meal as a family in his honor. The Powles Staton Funeral Home of Rockwell was the honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, assisting the Barber family. Online condolences may be made at [www.powlesfuneralhome.com](http://www.powlesfuneralhome.com).



**JAMES WILLIAM “Jim” BEAUBIEN III** (USAF, CPT-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, September 27, 2023 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 75, after a long battle with multiple health issues, many related to war injuries. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on September 2, 1948 in Ponca City, Oklahoma to the late James William Beaubien, Jr. (Bill, Beaubien Crop Duster Services) and Ruth Ann (née Smith) Beaubien - (Beloved Ponca High School teacher and counselor). Jim attended school in Ponca City, Oklahoma, graduating from Ponca City High School in 1966. He has maintained a friendship with many of his old classmates until this day. After high school, Jim went on to attend Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1971. Jim was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and ROTC, where he gained a regular officer commission in the United States Air Force after graduating as an outstanding graduate. Jim then went on to attend United States Air Force Undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force base in Mesa, Arizona. After pilot training, Jim went on to fly the O-2, Cessna 337 Skymaster (nicknamed Oscar Deuce) out of Da Nang Viet Nam serving as a forward air control (FAC) and psychological operations (PSYOPS) special operations aircraft by the US military in Viet Nam primarily along the famous Ho Chi Minh trail. Jim served with distinction and valor during this time and earned the Silver Star for heroism, Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, and also

another for Extraordinary Achievement, and the US Air Force Air Medal with Silver Star device and 7 oak leaf clusters, and finally the United States Air Force Commendation Medal. Jim's next assignment after the Vietnam war was to fly the Lockheed C-5 Galaxy at Dover Delaware in which he carried precious military cargo to all parts of the world. After a brief stint in the C-5 Jim was selected to return to Air Training Command at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Texas, as a T-38 Talon pilot instructor pilot. While serving at Webb AFB, Jim was awarded The Air Training Command Well Done award for outstanding Airmanship. After this assignment, Jim decided to return home to Ponca City, where he flew for Conoco Oil as a corporate pilot. Following a brief stint at Conoco, Jim went to work for Delta Airlines out of Dallas where he finished his flying career in January 2003. Jim retired over health issues dating back to military service, which continued until his most recent departure. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Jim is survived by one son, Jason Beaubien of Oklahoma City, and his best friend Cubby, his devoted pet/cat of 14 years. Jim left behind numerous good friends and care givers over the years, including Gary Hopple and his wife Kathy, his best friend from the Air Force Jody Bryant, his devoted mail carrier Hoy Dao, and all the good people at Bradfield Place Adult Assisted Care, Mesquite, TX, and Sovereign Hospice Services, who provided care and attention for last days in preparation for Jim's final flight to Heaven. Honorary Pallbearers were Jody Bryant, Gary Hopple, Bruce Browne, Lonnie Burnett, Sonny Cook, James Franks, Dick Hankins, Ronnie Hullet, Jack McCahan, Ernie Steincamp, Gary Watson, and Danny Weaver. A grave side service was performed in honor of Jim on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Resthaven- Sunset Memorial Parks, 1901 East Hubbard Road, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

**LOUIS G. BECK** – Died Monday, January 15, 2024 in Lodi, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York in May of 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**,

**RICHARD L. BELLIA** – Died recently in 2023 in the New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo Park in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 21, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**.



**TERRY ALLEN BLACKSTONE** - Died peacefully Wednesday, November 29, 2023 in Newark, Ohio at the age of 76, with his wife by his side. He was formerly of Granville, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1947 in Newark, Ohio to the late Ralph F. and Bernice (née Burgoon) Blackstone. Terry was a 1967 graduate of Granville High School and earned his machinist degree from Heath Vocational School. He was drafted into the United States Army shortly after high school. Terry served honorably in Vietnam where he was injured in the line of duty, earning him two Purple Hearts. Upon returning home he became the

owner / operator of his own small engine repair business, Blackstone's Sales and Service, where at the end of any day you could find Terry and his friends solving the world's problems. He belonged to Maennerchor, Sertoma, Newark VFW, Newark Moose, DVA and PVA. Terry enjoyed fishing and shooting. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by sister, Roberta Stevens. Terry is survived by his loving wife, Alicia "Lisa" Blackstone whom he married on June 24, 1989; children, Darby Clint (Hazel) Blackstone, Becky Baker (Chris) Gause, grandchildren, Kayla Blackstone, John Craggs, Gabby Gause; special nephew, Allen Stevens. Visitation hours were held from 3:00-7:00 PM on Monday, December 4, 2023 at the McPeek Hoekstra Hoskinson Funeral Home, 133 South Prospect Street, Granville, Ohio. A memorial service was at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023 where the family received friends one hour prior to services from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM on Friday. The inurnment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery. The McPeek Hoekstra Hoskinson Funeral Home was honored to care for Terry and his family. Please visit [www.McPeekHoekstra.com](http://www.McPeekHoekstra.com) to share a special memory about Terry or to leave a message of condolence for the family.



**DAVID STEVAN "Dave" BRANDRIET** - Died Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the local hospital in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 81. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Watertown on September 15, 1942 to the late Venard and Mae (née Jensen) Brandriet. Dave was the third child with two older brothers, Gary and Tom, and a younger sister, Julie, who were all born and raised in Watertown, SD. Growing up with a Catholic education, young David naturally gravitated to the local drag strips and billiard halls. After receiving his "G.E.D. '60", (as he often described his formal education), Dave served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War in 1963-64. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. After returning home, he soon met Karen Domonoske, a local debutante in search of the man of her dreams. When she couldn't find that guy, Karen decided Dave would do. After courting for just four months, they were married on September 23, 1967, and moved to Wayzata, MN. Dave and Karen spent their early years living life to the fullest. Between golfing, racing motorcycles and snowmobiles through the Minnesota woods, and boating with friends, Dave began his career as a Dental Technician at Golden Valley Dental in Plymouth, MN. After seven years of marriage, Dave and Karen had their first son, Gregory, in 1975, and a daughter, Heidi, in 1980. The following year they moved back to Watertown into their home across from Harper Park and welcomed their third child, Nicholas, in 1982. Dave opened Brandriet Dental Studio in the basement, where he would improve the smiles of Watertonians for over 30 years. A staple in the Harper Park neighborhood, he was often seen training his dogs in the park, mowing the yard, or sitting on the front stoop watching the world go by. Outside of the home, Dave displayed his steady hands at the golf course, the pool hall, the hockey rink, and hunting in the cornfields. Over the years, there wasn't a sport or hobby he took up that he didn't eventually dominate, whether he was running the table at the State 8-Ball Tournament or winning racquetball leagues at the Rec Center. A large collection of trophies was not an uncommon site around the Brandriet home, and Dave was proud of all of them. Dave was



a seeker of the latest and greatest gadgets, a late-night infomercial entrepreneur, a class reunion disc jockey, a skilled hunter, an agile athlete, and a proud veteran. He entered every room with a joke, a silly gesture, or a funny face and had an infectious laugh that could be heard across the bar, the gym, or the golf course. Wherever there was a good time, Dave wanted to be the center of it, and wherever a shot of excitement was needed, Dave was ready to provide it at a moment's notice. As a father, a husband, a son, a brother, and a friend, we will remember Dave by his kind heart, sense of humor, and love and pride for his wife, children, grandchildren, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Dave lost his love, Karen, on April 5, 2022, after 54 years of marriage. Dave is survived by son Greg (Cori) and grandsons Willem (11) and Leo (7), of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter Heidi Brandriet and son Nick Brandriet, both of Watertown, SD; brother Tom; sister Julie (Michael) Becker; sister-in-law LaVonne Brandriet; sister-in-law Sue (Alan) Pearson, all of Watertown, SD; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; parents Venard and Mae; oldest brother, Gary; infant sisters Janice and Jean; father and mother-in-law Shadow and Allegra Domonoske; and dogs Ginger, Sal, Smokey, Pat, Fred, Buck, and Gus. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Jodi Brinkman officiated. Music was provided by A.J. Sherrill as pianist with Robbyn Givens as soloist. Visitation was held at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM and prior to services at the chapel on Friday. The burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery. Military graveside honors were conducted by Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion, Watertown, and the Funeral Honors Team of the U.S. Air Force. Active pallbearers were Mike Becker, Jim Dehnert, Steve Horning, Bob Koehn, Bob Lantgen, and Mark Redlinger. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cattail Crossing Golf Course or VFW Post #750, both in Watertown, SD.



**DAVID KEITH BULLARD** – Died Sunday, February 25, 2024 in Granger, Indiana at the age of 80, with his family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Compton, California on December 13, 1943 to the late Stanley and Mildred (née Smith) Bullard. David married the Julie Ann Jurek on November 24, 1979. She survives him. Also surviving are son, Kieffer (Kathy) Tarbell of Gresham, OR; step-son, Daryl Zernick of South Bend, IN; grandchildren, Kastle (Seth) Likens of Sisters, OR and Geddy (James) Tarbell of Sandy, OR; great grandchildren: Montana, Pacific, Trilliun, Araya and Malita; sister, Betty (Dallas) Reynolds of Sequim, WA; sisters-in-law, Gloria Bullard and Corrine (Phil) Moore; and many nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his brothers, Stan and Robert. David served his country in the United States Navy and ultimately the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027* and was a member of the burial squad with American Legions #360 and #161. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was involved with several ministries at Saint Pius X Catholic Church. This man was ‘one of a kind’. He had a big personality - loved to laugh (even cry), always telling jokes, endless stories (some on repeat), singing with his deep baritone voice, enjoyed the outdoors (loved a good bonfire) and was extremely handy. He was generous. He was kind. He loved being around

people. He never met a stranger and welcomed everyone into his home with open arms. He simply loved living life! There is no other person that would teach a young kid how to make drinks (“glug, glug”) at a Notre Dame tailgate (he made family tip me well!) and learn all the words to the song You Got to Have Skin (look it up!). I’m glad you made me sing it with you last fall. Thank you for the memories. Rest in peace. Your big presence in this family will be missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:30 AM at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 52553 North Fir Road, Granger with visitation beginning at 9:30 AM. Please consider a donation in David’s name to Saint Pius X Catholic Church, [stpious.net](http://stpious.net), Queen of Peace Catholic Church, [queenofpeace.cc](http://queenofpeace.cc) or Center for Hospice Care, [cfhcare.org](http://cfhcare.org). Condolences for the family can be made at [www.McGannHay.com](http://www.McGannHay.com).



**RICHARD KENNETH BURKE** - Died peacefully Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Complete Care at Green Knoll Nursing Home in Bridgewater, New Jersey at the age of 76. He was a resident of Middlesex, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manhattan, New York to the late James and Dorothy (née Dorsett) Burke. Richard was raised in the Bronx and has been a resident of Middlesex since 1978. An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy, Richard served from his country from 1967-1971 and was active duty from 1969-1970 during the Vietnam War with the River Rats. He joined the workforce at NJ Bell Telephone Company and after over thirty years of employment, he retired from Verizon as a Telephone Technician. A huge motorcycle enthusiast, he currently still has, his 1985 Harley-Davidson which he bought brand new. He was a great mechanic and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manville Chapter #452** and was a life member of VFW Post #2298 in Manville. Predeceased in 1973 by his infant son Richard K. Burke, Jr., Richard leaves behind his wife of fifty-five years Sarah Burke and their son Brian and his wife Tara of Connecticut. He will be missed by three grandchildren; Aidan, Declan and Killian, brothers James, Jr. and his wife Olga, and Timothy Burke as well as two nephews; Michael and Paul, niece Christine and his faithful companions Gryphon and Dakota whom he loved unquestionably. At the request of the family, Richard was buried privately at Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery located in Stirling, New Jersey.



**JOHN CHRISTOPHER CABRAL** - Died Saturday, February 15, 2020, in Stoughton, Massachusetts at the age of 70. He was a resident of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease. He was born on June 30, 1949 in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late John J. Cabral and the late Lillian (née Luciano) Cabral. John was the husband of Yun Min (Yi) Cabral of Portsmouth. John proudly served in the United States Army in Vietnam in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island**. He worked for many years in shipping and receiving at Etco, Inc. in Bristol, and also served

as a school bus monitor for many years in Portsmouth. In his spare time, he loved spending time with his grandsons, cooking, working in the yard, and putting up his Christmas decorations. Besides his beloved wife of 48 years, Yun Min, John is survived by his daughter, Holly (Cabral) Silvia and her husband Ashley Silvia of Portsmouth, his grandsons, Christian J. Silvia and Anthony J. Silvia of Portsmouth, and his siblings, Rev. Clifford Cabral of East Greenwich, Ann Duval and her husband Pierre of Richmond, RI, Madeline Turcotte and her husband Daniel of Lakeville, MA, Andrew Cabral and his wife Esther of Arizona, David Cabral of Tiverton, and Stephanie Silvia of Tiverton. Visiting hours were held on Friday, February 21, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Connors Funeral Home, 55 West Main Road, Portsmouth. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Saint Barnabas Church, 1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth. The burial with military honors was at Saint Columba Catholic Cemetery, Browns Lane, Middletown. Memorial Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of America, 245 Waterman Street, Suite #306, Providence, RI 02906.



**LAWRENCE ALBERT "Larry" CARSON** - Died Saturday, February 3, 2024 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 17, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Leo and Helen (née Setina) Carson. He worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for 38 years as a car inspector. Larry was a proud United States Army Veteran, while stationed in Germany as a helicopter mechanic he volunteered to go to Vietnam. He served there in 1966-1967 as a helicopter mechanic and a door gunner. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671*, as well as the American Legion Post #135, where he was recognized as their veteran of the year for 1992. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Loretta (née McKinney) Carson and their children, son, Larry Carson, Jr. (Chrissy), daughter, Wendy Dekanek (Chris), son, Brian Carson, granddaughters, Addison Dekanek, Emily Dekanek, Violet Carson and Alayna Carson. He is also survived by his daughter Becky Shearouse (Jay), granddaughter, Samantha Moore, and two great-grandsons, half-sisters, Elaine Rospert (Mark), Mary Carson, cousin, Rick Satina, and several nieces in nephew. Larry was happiest when on the water, boating and fishing with his sons. He also enjoyed going to the target range. Larry participated in shooting competitions and earned several marksmanship awards. He spent many hours in his shop working on his favorite hobby. Larry was a caring, generous, decent man who took great pride in being able to take care of his family. He worked hard to make sure they always had everything they needed and many things they did not. He was greatly loved by his wife and children and will forever be missed. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, with the funeral service at 6:00 PM at the Fox and Weeks, Islands Chapel. A private burial with military honors was held on Friday at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Glenville, GA.



**THEODORE G. "Todd" CAVAN** - Died at home in Glenside, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 22, 2024 at the age of 77. He was formerly on North Wales, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Todd was born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania on March 1, 1946 to the late Gerard and Rita (née Shearba) Cavan. He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Nancy (née Brady) Cavan. He has been living in North Wales, formerly of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Kendrick High School, Todd served in the United States Air Force, stationed in Thailand, during the Vietnam War, and honorably discharged November 4, 1970. He then went on to graduate in 1971 from Quaker City School of Aeronautics. While serving in Thailand, he was responsible for maintaining the engines of fighter jets. He often stated one of his biggest regrets: sometimes the planes he worked on never came back to base. It was that dedication to his military service that followed him throughout life, especially as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Wales Chapter #590**, where he actively participated for many years. He enjoyed marching in holiday parades with the VVA Chapter #590, attending air shows, building and creating model train platforms, and taking his boat on the lake for an afternoon of fishing. Todd was employed by various pharmaceuticals companies throughout his career as a machinist/mechanic. He retired in 2011 from Teva Pharmaceutical, North Wales, PA. Todd is survived by his sister Claudette Quimby (Mark), his brother Joel Cavan (Darlene), his sister in-law & brother in-law Carol (Brady) & Leo Lorenz, along with many nieces and nephews. Along with his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother Gerard Cavan. The interment was private in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. Professional arrangements were made by the Williams A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA.



**S **GEORGE L. CAVANAUGH** - Died Tuesday, January 30, 2024 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 85, after a one-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. Those who knew him will miss his Irish love of sharing good times with friends and family. George was born in Buffalo, New York on January 2, 1939 to the late Kenneth Stewart and Marietta (née Martin) Cavanaugh. He moved to Birmingham, Alabama when he was nine years old. After attending schools in Birmingham, he graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee. Subsequently he joined the United States Marine Corps, attending basic training at Camp Lejeune. Following flight school in Pensacola to become a Marine Aviator, George was stationed in Hawaii for three years, gaining the rank of Captain. George married Kay Ray; his son, Scott, was born in Hawaii. Both now reside in Pelham, Alabama. His next assignment was in Vietnam as a medevac helicopter pilot. When the Vietnam war ended, he flew A4 jets off an aircraft carrier. Every night for three months he took off, bombed a practice target in the Mediterranean and returned to land on the ship in the dark of night. George was proud of his service and had pictures of the jet and aircraft carrier on his phone – truly Top Gun Maverick skills. Returning to Pensacola, he ended his career in the**

Marine Corps as a flight instructor, finally retiring after 15 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970*. George enrolled in Auburn University where he studied accounting and attained his CPA degree. He also joined the Auburn chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. After graduating, he placed an ad in the Wall Street Journal which stated: “Certified Pilot and CPA seeks employment”. He was hired by a firm in Texas followed by employment in Atlanta. In 1988 he met Barry Sutlive and began working with Reliable Roofing managing the company books and payroll. He enjoyed flying Barry to inspect roofing from the air. George retired in 2006. George and his wife, Patricia Spivey Cavanaugh, moved to Dawson County and enjoyed boating, skiing and playing golf. Following Pat’s death to cancer, George sponsored a golf tournament at the Chestatee Golf Club for many years to raise money for the Georgia Cancer Society. He had many friends in the community and attended the Chestatee Men’s Bible Study. George spent his last happy years with Betty George Cavanaugh, formerly of Atlanta, whom he married in 2018. George was predeceased by his parents and former wife, Pat. He is survived by his wife, Betty Cavanaugh of Dawsonville, GA; son, Scott Cavanaugh of Pelham, AL; sister, Virginia Goldstein of Mountain Brook, AL; and brother, Steven Goldstein of Pell City, AL. A celebration of his life was held in the afternoon of Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the Chestatee Lodge on Nightfire Lane at 2:00 PM. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Bell Minor Rehabilitation Center and Magnolia Assisted Living for taking care of George in his final year. He remained engaged, active, and positive till the end. In lieu of flowers, a contribution in his name could be made to the American Cancer Society of Georgia. George was interred in Canton, GA at the Georgia National Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed at [www.beardenfuneralhome.com](http://www.beardenfuneralhome.com). Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA.



**RICHARD IRVING “Dick” CHATMAN** – Died Monday, January 22, 2024 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 20, 1948 in Detroit to the late Hura Tee Chatman and Lee Ethel (née Jeter). He was the eldest of seven children. Dick graduated from Detroit Northwestern High School and continued his education earning degrees at Wayne State University and Marygrove College. Dick served as Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force (1968-1972). He later retired from AT&T in 2002 after 35 years. Dick was very active at all levels within the American Legion, where he held several positions and offices, and served on numerous committees. He was the first African American to hold the position of State Commander from 2011-2012. He also served as the 1st Zone Commander and 1st District Commander. He served as Chairman on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Internal Affairs Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Homeless Veterans Task Force Committee. Dick held several national positions with the American Legion, as well. He was a part of the Americanism Council, Legislative Council and the Media Alliance. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9*. Dick loved fishing, playing baseball and chess. He participated in many Veteran events. He served as a Veteran

Mentor for Third Circuit Court's Veterans Treatment Court program. He was also very passionate about the restoration and relocation of the Michigan War Veterans Memorial. Dick was preceded in death by his parents Hura Tee Chatman and Lee Ethel Jeter, three brothers, Ralph, Dana and Garry, and one sister, Raheer. Dick leaves behind to cherish his memory, two sisters (Denise and Laverne), Goddaughter (Dionne), three nephews, two nieces, five great-nephews, six great-nieces, his American Legion Post 202 family, and a host of friends and Veterans. And lastly, his dog (Chloe). The family received friends on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 2:00 PM until the Celebration of Life with Military Honors at 5:00 PM at the A.J. Desmond and Sons (Vasu, Rodgers and Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Avenue (between 13-14 Mile Roads), Royal Oak, MI. His final resting place was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations to Michigan American Legion Foundation, Attn: Chatman HVTF (Homeless Veterans Task Force), 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915.

**JOHN DAVID COFFEY** – Died Thursday, March 7, 2024 in Commerce, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death was mesothelioma. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on September 27, 1944 to the late Arthur Glenn (AG) and Lola Coffey. He was the fourth of five children who were Bill, Jim, Mary and Stephen. After graduating from West Fulton High School in 1962 he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served aboard the USS Frank E. Evans from 1962 to 1964. After leaving the Navy, he met and married his 'starter wife' Linda Dobbs. They were married in 1966 and welcomed their only child, Marni. Later he met his soul-mate, Judy Polvere and they were married on December 31, 1993 and lived happily until she died in July 2020. After Judy's death to keep himself busy, John joined the American Legion and became a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. John is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marni and Carl; his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Laura; his daughter, Amber, and; his grandchildren, Jarrett (Tabitha) and Jordan (Trey). There were no services at the time of publication.

**PAUL S. CONSIGLIO** – Died Thursday, August 31, 2023 in South Amboy, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 8, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**.



**JOHN J. COONEY, JR.** - Died Monday, February 12, 2024 at his home in Somers Point, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Ashland, Pennsylvania on December 16, 1948 to the late John J. Cooney, Sr. and Clara (née Pepper) Cooney. John was a proud United States Army Veteran. He belonged to the VFW Post #2189 in Somers Point, NJ. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. John also served as a lector for Saint Joseph Church in Somers Point. John worked for years as a security guard at the Atlantic City casinos but John's passion was his work as radio DJ Jackson T Chase for a local NJ radio station. John is survived by his nieces, Theresa

Booth and Kristin Costello (Michael); great nieces and nephew Kayleigh, Aislynn, and Chase; and brother-in-law, William Booth. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his sister, Patricia Booth. A graveside service was held on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Saint Patrick's Cemetery, 2400 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Alpha Bravo Canine. John loved dogs and supported his fellow veterans. Send condolences to [huffandlakjer.com](http://huffandlakjer.com).



**MARTIN JOSEPH COSGROVE, SR., MD** – Died Monday, June 26, 2023 in Lewes, Delaware at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was at home as he had requested with his wife and eldest son at his bedside. Martin was born in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 17, 1938, the third child of the late Hilary (née Andrejczyk) Cosgrove and Martin Cosgrove, both second generation immigrants. Martin was baptized at Sacred Heart where he attended elementary school and was an Acolyte. He continued to Bishop Newman High School, then to Saint Joseph College where he excelled in the pre-medicine curriculum, class of 1960. Martin attended Jefferson Medical College receiving his medical degree in 1964. He secured a rotating internship at Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles and moved from home at the age of 26 for the first time. Finances and determination had kept him at home through medical school. After graduating internship, Martin entered active duty in the United States Navy under the Berry Plan. He was stationed in Long Beach, CA and Norfolk, VA and went to sea on the USS Francis Marion (APA-249) and USS Magoffin (APA-199) during the Vietnam War. At the conclusion of his service, Martin went back to Los Angeles as a general practitioner for Kaiser Permanente. He did this for several years until his father became ill. Martin secured residency training in Radiology at the University of Maryland in 1970. His first two sons were born during training, then he took his first Radiology position at Nanticoke Hospital where he would remain for his entire career. His daughter was born a few years after. Martin loved being a doctor and he was an excellent radiologist. Oddly, his residency choice was one of opportunity, as he was outside the match and delayed from his Naval service and GP work, but the choice fit him perfectly. He was an academic and loved to read. Over his 40 years in the field, Martin saw amazing leaps in technology and equipment which he had to implement into his diagnostic practice, paradigm shifts in the field, which were constant. He often said that there was never a day that he didn't look forward to going to work. In addition to the practice of medicine, Martin carried many other duties like holding the Chair of his department for decades, Medical Director of the Radiologic technology school of Delaware Technical College, and President of the Sussex County Medical Society. His involvement in medical administration and politics grew leading to serving as delegate to the AMA several times, Chairman of the Medical Staff of Nanticoke 1981-82, President of the Medical Society of Delaware 1987-88, and a lengthy Chairmanship of the Board of Directors for Nanticoke Health Services 1995-2004, a position not typically held by a physician. He retired from active practice in 2006. Martin was a caring and devoted husband, father, and friend. He celebrated and preached incessantly on the importance of family and education. Despite having limited time, he attended every event he could for immediate and

extended family. Martin was intensely patriotic and savored the progression his family made in just a few generations living the 'American Dream.' He had a mental binder of lectures that he believed so fervently and recanted so often, that his children could finish everyone. Martin loved to travel, particularly to the coast. He enjoyed food and cooking, wine, and even some Tullamore Dew. Martin achieved great satisfaction from hours of heavy yardwork and loved being outside. He had a deep attachment to Philadelphia and would visit almost monthly. Martin loved the Navy and his time in uniform, also shared by his children and grandchildren who he inspired to serve. In retirement he rekindled relationships from his Alma Maters', the Navy days and became quite involved with The Second Street Irish Society from his old neighborhood in South Philadelphia. Martin marched in many St Patrick's Day Parades with his children and grandchildren, the largest and last in 2022 when 8 McGuigans and Cosgroves marched with him. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266*. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his eldest sister, Francis McGuigan of Arlington, VA who passed away in 2015. Martin is survived by his devoted wife of 17 years, Joyce; three children Martin (Rachel) of Seaford; Michael (Amy) of Huntsville, AL and Noriss Kurtz (Mark) of Wilmington; nine grandchildren, Bridget, Caroline and Martin of Seaford, DE; Michael Jr, Madeline, and Maxwell of Huntsville, AL; Hudson, Connor and Ainsley Kurtz of Wilmington, DE; and his older sister Kathleen McGuigan of Haddonfield, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Martin's memory to the Wounded Warriors Project, or to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Saint Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends visited beginning at 10:00 AM. A celebration of life followed at Irish Eyes in Lewes, DE from 12:15 to 3:00 PM. All who cannot attend in person are invited to view the Mass via live-stream by visiting [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and searching Saint Jude Lewes. Chapel Committal Services with military honors was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM, at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE.

**JOHN WILLIAM COX, JR.** - Died Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Lake City, Florida at the age of 72, following an extended illness. He was a resident of Wildwood, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Orlando, Florida on September 6, 1951 to the late John William and Yveta (née Green) Cox, Sr. He has lived all over Florida before settling and making Wildwood his home for the past two years, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Sandy Acres Baptist Church, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036*, VFW Post #4337, American Legion Post #18, a three-year member of the NRA, enjoyed going to the movies, jet skiing, water skiing, riding motorcycles, spending time with his family and his service dog Scrappy. He was kind and generous and never left anyone behind. But his favorite time was going to church. He is survived by his wife of twelve years Janine Cox, Wildwood, FL; four sons Brandon William Cox (Laura) Port St. Lucie, FL, Matthew Cox, Ocala, FL, Dillon Cox (Debbie), Yuma, Arizona, and a son serving United States Navy John William Cox III, California. Two sisters Pamela and Diane, and seven grandchildren. Cremation arrangements were under the direction of the Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 South US Highway #441, Lake City, FL. Please leave words of comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com).

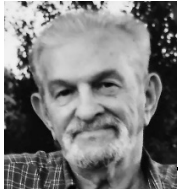




**ROBERT KANE COYLE** - Died Thursday, February 1, 2024 in Rutland, Vermont at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Old Bennington, Vermont on July 12, 1943 to the late Mary and Richard Coyle. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Connecticut School of Insurance. His career in insurance began at the Resolute Insurance Group in Hartford, CT. Then he became a Systems Supervisor in the Group Claims Department of Aetna Life & Casualty. Thereafter he was drafted into the United States Army and faithfully served his country in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He received the Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Aetna as a senior management consultant. Later he became Vice President and General Manager of Kinney, Pike, Bell and Conner Insurance in Rutland, VT. He received his CIC professional designation and his CPCU. He served on the Insurance Company Advisory Board for CIGNA, Aetna Personal Lines, Aetna Commercial Lines, Royal, New Hampshire Group, and the Continental Insurance Company. He moved on to become the Executive Director of VIAA, Vermont Insurance Agents Association, and remained in that position until his retirement when he was awarded the prestigious Brigham/Alfred Award by VIAA in recognition of his outstanding Contributions to The American Agency System. Membership in organizations included the Board of Directors of Independent Insurance Agents of America, State National Director of Independent Insurance Agents of Vermont, President of Independent Insurance Agents of VT, founding member of the Board of Directors of the Vermont Chapter of CPCU, Board of Directors of VT Insurance Institute, BISHCA CE Advisory Board, Past President of Rutland Lions Club, United Way Volunteer, past Corporator of the Rutland Savings Bank, past member of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, Supporter of the Rutland Free Library and the Paramount Theater, Corporator of the Rutland Regional Medical Center, member of DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #001**, and the American Legion Post #31. For several years he enjoyed downhill and cross country skiing, golf, tennis, hiking, swimming, boating, dancing, traveling, reading, gardening, and dining out with his wife. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Coyle, sister Diann Silvia, brother-in-law Walter, niece and three nephews, grandnieces and nephews, goddaughter Ryley Skog, godson Mark Worsman, sisters-in-law Christine and MaryAnn, several cousins, friends, and dear college buddies. He was predeceased by his parents, sisters Karen Skog and Nancy Raymond, godson Chad Skog, brother-in-law Henry, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law. He will be remembered for a quiet strength and dignity that was admired by all who knew him. Visiting hours were held from 8:30 to 10:30 AM on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at the Clifford Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The burial took place in the Spring in the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, the University of Connecticut, or a charity of one's choice.



**DAN RAY "Danny" CREASEY** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in Mooresville, North Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in High Point, North Carolina on September 10, 1947 to the late Frank Earl Creasey and Mary Carol (née King) Creasey. He was a United States Army Veteran with service in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic and later completed a successful 38-year career with Diebold. Throughout his life, he exemplified the values of service, family, and community. Above all, Dan was a beloved husband of 42 years to Donna Creasey, cherished father to Wendy Creasey, proud grandfather to Olivia Hoynes, and admired brother to Jerry Creasey. Dan and his wife, Donna, have called Mooresville home for over 30 years. As a disabled US Army veteran, Dan's dedication to surviving and fallen service members and their families was unwavering. For years, Dan served as a charter director and Board member for the Western Carolina chapter of Folds of Honor, a nonprofit granting educational scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen and disabled service members and first responders. He also was an advocate and member of the Iredell County Veterans Council to support local veterans. Dan served as a former president and Board member and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Mooresville Chapter #1107**. He was a charter member and former Senior Vice Commander at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #12187 in Mooresville. Dan was also a dedicated supporter of Richard's Coffee Shop and Welcome Home Veterans Museum, an organization in Mooresville focused on uplifting veterans. Richard's Coffee Shop provides a space for community building amongst veterans, where Dan was well known, loved, and supported before and during his battle with cancer. Beyond veterans' causes, Dan volunteered for over three decades at Camp Care, a summer camp for children facing cancer. As a retired business executive, he had a knack for fundraising and contributed immensely to the financial sustainability of Camp Care. He built new cabins, put on funny skits with counselors, and was a consistent, kind presence for campers. Dan, with his wife Donna, welcomed family and friends of all ages into their home who needed a place to stay. Dan also loved dogs, country music, fishing, and traveling around the world with his wife Donna. Among his many talents, Dan was known for his craftsmanship, creativity, and willingness to help others. He was a multi-talented maker and could build or fix anything. Dan's workshop was known to friends and neighbors as a place to borrow tools and gather support for do-it-yourself projects. Dan was an exceptionally creative potter and inventor - making beautiful mugs, furniture, and craft beers. Dan's commitment to caring for his local community, family, and friends inspires us all. Dan Creasey will be deeply missed, and his legacy of service and compassion will continue to live on. Visitation was held at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville on March 1, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A memorial service to celebrate Dan's life was held on March 2, 2024 beginning at 12:00 Noon and lunch/dinner was provided by Big Tiny's BBQ afterwards. Dan received a military funeral celebrating his life and service at the National Cemetery in Salisbury, NC. on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Iredell County Hospice and Palliative Care in Dan's honor. Direct online link for donations <https://apps.hoic.org/donate-now>. OR, mail to Iredell County Hospice and Palliative Care 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.



**THOMAS J. "Tom" CURRY** - Died Saturday, October 14, 2023, at his home in Northville, Michigan at the age of 84, in the company of family and friends. The cause of death is unknown. Tom was born on April 24, 1939 in Queens, New York to the late Philip and Catherine Curry. Tom was married to his wife Sandra on May 14, 1960, and they were together over 57 years before her passing in February 2018. Tom's many interests included antique hunting and traveling with Sandra over the years. One of his great loves was fishing with his buddies. Tom cherished his many friends always showing up with desserts, cheese, fish, and other goodies when visiting. Many friends expressed their love for Tom to the family during visits in the weeks before his passing. Tom loved animals and was especially devoted to his pets, both dogs and cats, over the years. Buddy remained his constant companion for 9 years. His backyard served as a buffet to birds, chipmunks, squirrels, and deer. Tom was an incredible supporter of many charities and Organizations including animal organizations (especially those that helped cats and dogs) on the local, state, and National level. He also supported International Wildlife Organizations. In addition, Tom supported numerous Law Enforcement, Fire, and Veteran's Organizations as well as Religious Organizations assisting the needy, and charities fighting Alzheimer's, Leukemia, and other cancers. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528*. Tom is survived by Siblings, Nieces and Nephews, and Grandchildren. To donate in Memory of Tom, please select an organization/group like those listed above. He would be overjoyed to know his life is celebrated by supporting the causes that were dear to his heart.

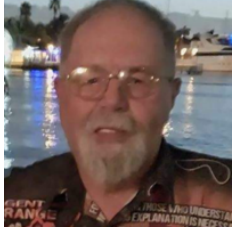


**ROBERT E. DAVIS** - Died Sunday, October 22, 2023 in Mechanicsville, Iowa at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa on April 3, 1949 to the late Earl and Margaret Davis. He attended Mount Vernon Schools and Kirkwood Community College. In 1975, Robert married Marie Brannaman in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He served in the United States Army from 1968-1971, including service in Vietnam from April 1969 to May 1970. While there, he was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Battle Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, two Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Leaf medals, a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, a Vietnam Civic Action Medal, 1st Class Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Citation, and a Bronze Star with Valor. While in Vietnam, he served with Troop "C" 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry the "Blackhawks." In 1980, Robert reentered the National Guard, serving with the 234<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion at Cedar Rapids and with the 47<sup>th</sup> Aviation of Mount Joy, Iowa. Robert was a member of Busch-Dennis Post #309, the American Legion of

Mechanicsville, and was a past commander of the post. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. He worked for Linn County Road Department, Horton Ready Mix in Mt. Vernon, Harnischfeger in Cedar Rapids, drove charter buses for Charter Coaches and Tri-State Tours of Cedar Rapids, and most recently drove trucks for Don Hummer Trucking of Oxford, Iowa. Robert loved spending time with his family, friends, and fellow members of his unit in Vietnam during the numerous reunions he and his wife attended over the years all over the country, tinkering with cars, watching NASCAR, as well with other friends whom he met over the years. Robert will be missed by those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie; daughter, Nicole (John) Mitchell; grandchildren, Olivia and Logan Mitchell; sister, Lucy; in-laws, Kevin Brannaman (partner, Andrew), Teresa (Juan) San Miguel, and Roxann Richardson; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. A visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at the Murdoch Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Marion, Iowa. A funeral service took place at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 30, 2023, at the funeral home.

**JAMIE EARL “Jim” DELEARY** - Died peacefully Monday, February 12, 2024 at Dickson Health and Rehabilitation in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 74. He was a resident of Dickson. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Glasgow, Montana on April 15, 1949 to the late George Deleary and the late Hazel (née Rowe) Deleary-Lingle. He graduated from high school in Glasgow and joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Jim worked in the service as an operating room medic. He was medically discharged in 1983 after 19 years of service, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6) and went to work in the operating room of Blanchfield Army Community Hospital in Ft. Campbell. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**. Jim loved sports, whether it was golf, baseball, or Titans Football! He loved his family and spending time with them, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Debbie Underhill Deleary of Dickson; his son John Deleary (Jennifer) of Newark, Ohio; grandchildren, Samantha, Zack, Conner, Shelbie, and Tymothe; great grandson, Noah; brothers, Jerry Deleary of Florida and Donnie Deleary of Mountain Home, Idaho; sisters, Melody Doyle of Texas, Mary Hanson of Alabama, and Marta Deleary of Mountain Home, Idaho; his extended family is Debbie's family and includes her sisters Janice Hall and Patricia Underhill Wilkins (Morrison) and her brothers, Johnny Underhill (Sandy), Gary Underhill (Glenda), and Paul Underhill (Becky). He was preceded by sisters, Berniece, Arlene, and Dorothy; and by brothers, Faye and George. Funeral services took place at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2024 from the chapel of Taylor Funeral Home with Brother Dan Wade officiating. The interment, with military honors will held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery; 7931 McCrory Lane, Nashville, TN. Visitation with the family was at the Taylor Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 8:00 PM and again on Thursday from 11:00 AM until service time at 2:00 PM. For those desiring, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Family and friends gathered at Debbie's house for a meal and fellowship following the chapel service on Thursday. The arrangements were made under the direction of the Taylor Funeral Home.

**JERRY N. DELOACH** – Died recently in 2023 in Florence, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 14, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



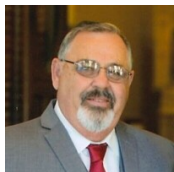
**THOMAS ANGEL "Tom" DIAZ** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 74. He was a resident of Paulding, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. Tom was born on July 17, 1949 in Naranjito, Puerto Rico to the late Demetrio and Felicita (née Ortiz) Diaz. On November 25, 1972, he married Rita Bakle who survives. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Tom was a member of the Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Knights of Columbus, and the Maumee Valley Car Club in Defiance. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. He served as a reserve deputy for the Paulding County and Van Wert County Sheriff's Offices. Tom served on the Paulding Village Council for 10 years and was involved with many other community organizations. He was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding. Although Tom was not born in Paulding, he adopted it as his hometown when he moved here in 1974. He could often be found at Holly Wood and Vine Cafe in the morning and McDonald's in the afternoon, always with his companion dog, Xena. One of the greatest things about Tom was that he never met a stranger. He loved to tell stories and make people smile and laugh, especially children. He was a great friend to anyone and everyone. Along with his wife, Rita, Tom is survived by his two sons: Anthony "Tito" (Kathryn) Diaz, Queen Creek, AZ; Demetrius (LeeAnn) Diaz, Louisville, KY; twin sister, Carmen (Bill) Sibillia, Richmond, VA; sister, Anna (Miguel) Pagan, Parrish, FL; grandson, Dakota Diaz, Paulding, OH; great grandson, Jaxon Diaz; many loving nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding with Reverend Father Austin Ammanniti officiating. The burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Jackson Township with military rites accorded by the Paulding VFW Post #87. Visitation was held from 4:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Den Herder Funeral Home with a rosary service at 7:30 PM. There was visitation from 10:00 AM until time of services on Saturday at the church. The family requested no flowers or funeral memorabilia. Please direct any memorial contributions to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding.



**ROGER ALEXANDER DOUCETTE** - Died Wednesday, December 6, 2023 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. Roger was born in Waltham,

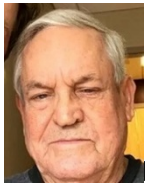
Massachusetts on November 23, 1930 to the late Raymond and Lucy (née Chiasson) Doucette. In 1955 he married Dorothy “Dottie” Dodge from Virginia Beach, Virginia. Dottie preceded him in death in 2017. Roger graduated from Waltham High School and from Cameron University, receiving his Business Administration degree. He was a career United States Army Officer and Aviator qualified in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He and his wife traveled worldwide during their military career and lived for extended periods in such places as Germany, Turkey, Japan, and numerous places throughout the United States. He also served as a Combat Engineer Sergeant during the Korean Conflict and two tours as an officer during the Vietnam War. He later became a real estate broker and a certified real estate instructor for the State of Oklahoma. After retiring, he and his wife lived in Harrisonburg, Virginia for more than twenty years and then Roger moved to The Fairfax retirement community in 2021. Roger was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and a treasured friend to many. He and his wife were highly supportive of their children’s activities during the family’s growing up years, particularly scouting and Little League. At any given time, he was a den dad, an assistant scout leader, or a volunteer umpire for Little League baseball. He was also involved in various community and church activities. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061*. Roger is survived by his three children and their partners, Sandra (John) Maxfield of Raleigh, North Carolina, John (Janette) Doucette of Alexandria, Virginia, and Ellen (Mike Farrow) Feyka of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the beloved Gramps to seven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life took place on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 22060.

**WILLIAM CARL DRUMMOND** – Died recently in 2023 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 28, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989*.



**ROGER WILLIAM DURGIN** - Died Saturday, February 3, 2024, at his home in Plainview, Minnesota at the age of 77, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 11, 1946 in Plainview to the late Franklin and Betty (née Tyler) Durgin. Roger attended elementary school at Immanuel Lutheran in Plainview and graduated from Plainview High School in 1966. He was drafted in 1966 while still in High School. He went on to serve his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. He was honorably discharged and received a Purple Heart. He was proud of his military service to his country. Roger married the love of his life Sharon Schurhammer on May 5, 1973 at Saint Agnes Catholic Church in Kellogg, MN. Roger lived his lifetime in Plainview. He was employed by Durgin Freight Lines, Plainview Produce, Lawson Products. He then formed his own company, S&R Supply. He operated that for many years. He finished his career working for Federal Mogul in Lake City, MN. Roger enjoyed spending time fishing, hunting, playing golf, bowling, cooking, and spending time with his grandchildren. He also loved to attend auctions and going dancing when he was younger. He enjoyed afternoon coffee hour with “The Good Ole Boys” at Kim’s Saloon.

Bernie, Jon, Rich, and Roger enjoyed going out for breakfast, drinking coffee, at BJ's Bar and Grill. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview. A former member of the Plainview American Legion, where he served two terms as Commander from 1976-77 and 1996-97. He was a current member of the Lanesboro American Legion, Oronoco VFW, Ducks Unlimited, and the Whitewater Gobblers. He enjoyed spending time placing American Flags on grave sites of deceased veterans at local cemeteries on Memorial Day. Roger was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oronoco Chapter #1110** SE Minnesota. He was also a current member of the Plainview Planning and Zoning Commission. Roger is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Durgin of Plainview; two sons, Randy Durgin and Brian Durgin of Plainview, a daughter, Lisa (Trevor) Schouweiler of Kellogg, MN; four grandchildren, Sophia, Emmerich, Lola, and Hudson; a brother Richard (Rodine) Durgin of Gainesville, FL; a sister, Sharon (Thomas) Hanson of Rochester; and mother-in-law, Lucille Schurhammer of Kellogg. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and father-in-law, Eugene Schurhammer. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plainview, with Pastor Phil Augustine officiating. The burial was at the Greenwood Cemetery in Plainview. Military graveside honors were accorded by the Plainview, Elgin, and Millville American Legion Posts. Friends and family visited from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Schleicher Funeral Homes, Plainview Chapel and one hour prior to the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Tuesday. Roger's family would like to thank Mayo Oncology, Urology, Mayo Hospice, and Gundersen Saint Elizabeth's Hospital for the exceptional care provided. Roger especially enjoyed visiting with his nurses Kay, Nancy, and his social worker Brent.

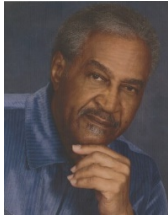


**HARRY J. EDWARDS, SR.** - Died peacefully Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Chemung County Nursing Facility in Elmira, New York at the age of 80. He was a resident of Elmira. The cause of death is unknown. Harry was born in Ovid, New York on July 1, 1943 to the late Eddy and Marion (née Brown) Edwards. Harry retired from the Elmira Correctional Facility in Elmira after many dedicated years as a correctional officer. Harry served his county in the United States Navy during Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion Post# 154, VFW Post# 901 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He was a proud member of the Chemung County Honor Guard. He will be missed dearly by those that knew him. Harry is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sons, Harry Jr. (Jill) and Scott (Jennifer); grandchildren, Daniel and Ryan Edwards and Isaiah Letourneau; several nieces and nephews Family and friends were invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the James D. Barrett Funeral Home. A memorial service took place at the North Presbyterian Church in Elmira at a later date posted on the James D. Barrett Funeral Home website. The interment took place in Fitzsimmons Cemetery with full military Honors.

**ROBERT J. "Bob" FITZGERALD** – Died Saturday, January 13, 2024 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death was COVID-19. He was born in Los Angeles, California on October 22,

1950. 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 – Aurora Chapter #1106**.

**ROBERT EUGENE FLETCHER** – Died Friday, March 8, 2024 in Des Plaines, Illinois at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 14, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**.



**WILLIE VERNON FLOYD, JR.** - Died peacefully Sunday, January 21, 2024 at home in Hampton, Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on August 31, 1941 to the late Rowena (née Jackson) Floyd and Willie Floyd, Sr. Willie was a very active member of Antioch Baptist Church (Hampton) for many years where he served as a member of the Male Chorus. He was an avid attendee of Sunday School and very supportive of the Men's Ministry. Mr. Floyd was a member of the following clubs/organizations: a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newport News Chapter #433**, Old Capitol Excelsior Mizpah Lodge #4, and DAV Chapter #6. Some of the things he enjoyed were Cooking, Fishing, Ping Pong, Watching Tennis, spending time with family, playing cards, listening to music and watching movies. He spent 30 years in the United States Air Force (Retired) and worked for 5 Years at Northrop Grumman - Saint Augustine, FL. He was preceded death by his wife Shirley Floyd, his father Willie Floyd, Sr., his mother Rowena Glass: and his brothers Francis Floyd and Melvin Glass. He is survived by one brother Jerome Glass, his children LaDonna Cruse, Dylan Floyd (Zena), Vernon Floyd (Terry), Djuana Floyd Scott (Ronnie), Melvin Floyd, Tony Floyd, David Floyd Brinquez; his grandchildren Chandra, Chaia, Ronnie Jr., Chivas, Leilanie, Lauren, Jaylon, Aaron. Great grandchildren Chandler, Jayla, Christyna and Joseph, and a host of loving friends.



**HARRY PRESTON FLYNN, JR.** - Died Thursday, March 16, 2023 at his residence in Taylorsville, North Carolina at the age of 78, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 6, 1944 in Loudoun County, Virginia to the late Harry Preston Flynn, Sr. and Bessie Leticia (née Legg) Flynn. Harry served in the United States Air Force for six years and in the National Guard for four years. After dedicating 10 years of active duty service, Harry served many years in the Honor Guard, holding several capacities in the American Legion Post #48. He served as the Commander for the American Legion Post #48 in Hickory and would have been promoted to State Commander this year, June 2023. Along with Kevin Nash, he started



the Junior Shooting Program. Harry took pride in serving and honoring his country. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hickory Chapter #1136*. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Tommy Flynn. Survivors include his wife, Judy (née Fox) Flynn of the home; daughters, Leticia Ann Starnes and husband Sonny of Taylorsville, Pam Lytton and husband Tracy of Taylorsville, Eloise Hollar and Greg Carter of Taylorsville, Barbara Baker and husband Rickey of Granite Falls, and Jennifer Adams and husband Timmy of Taylorsville; grandson, Trae Starnes; seven step-grandchildren, Jason Hollar, Kyle Hollar, Kevin Hollar, Eric Gibson, Courtney Siniard, Carrie Gibson, and Taylor Baker; eight step-great-grandchildren, William Hollar, Elizabeth Hollar, Lucas Gibson, Lilly Gibson, Everlee Siniard, Bloom Cockerham, Lincoln Gibson, and Silas Siniard; sister, Bessie Kline of Alaska; and brother, Jimmy Flynn of Virginia. A funeral service was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Hickory Funeral Home. The family received friends prior to the service from 12:00 Noon until 1:45 PM at the funeral home. Reverend Shannon Childers officiated the service. The burial was at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Military Honors were rendered by the American Legion Post #48 Honor Guard. Online condolences may be left at [www.hickoryfh.com](http://www.hickoryfh.com).

**WAYNE LEE GABRIEL** - Died Monday, January 29, 2024 at his residence in Neenah, Wisconsin at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Neenah on September 18, 1947 to the late Stanley Gabriel, Jr. and Carolyn (née Schultz) Gabriel. Following his 1966 graduation from Appleton High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Wayne proudly served from 1966 through 1969. While stationed in Okinawa, he was injured which ultimately led to him being fully disabled in 1988. Once he returned home, he met and eventually married Patricia Daugherty, on July 7, 1972 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Appleton. He had a fascination with cars, especially classic and fancy cars and enjoyed watching them race. Wayne also enjoyed reading and watching anything that had to do with the Vietnam War. Wayne had a desire to assist other veterans, making them aware of benefits in different programs. He was also a member of several different Veterans Organizations. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351*. Wayne loved spending time with his family and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Pat; their son, Ryan (Traci) Gabriel; his grandchildren: Cody (fiancée, Katie Kangas) Gabriel and Christina Gabriel; his great-grandchildren: Rowan and Michael Gabriel; his furry grandpets: Sox, Jessie, Brad, Gracie, and Tabby; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relative and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Gabriel; his brother, Keith Gabriel; his in-laws: Robert (Patti) Daugherty, Arlyn (Sharon) Daugherty, and Elizabeth Marks; and by a nephew, Jeff Daugherty. A Time of Remembrance was held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home, 304 South Commercial Street, Neenah, WI. The Memorial Gathering was held from 2:00 PM until the Time of Remembrance at the funeral home. Military Honors were conducted following the service by the Neenah-Menasha Funeral Honors Team. The inurnment took place in Saint John Cemetery, Menasha. Wayne's family would like to thank Saint Croix Hospice for all their loving care and support to Wayne and his family over the past few weeks. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in memory of Wayne to: Disabled American Veterans (DAV), PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 - <https://www.dav.org/ways-to-give/>.

**ROBERT E. GAMBA** – Died Sunday, July 8, 2018 at his home in Cranston, Rhode Island at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cranston on October 1, 1949 to the late Amelio and Anna (née Caldamone) Gamba. He was the beloved husband of Ann (née Woo) Gamba. Mr. Gamba was a laborer for Cardi Construction for many years until his retirement; he was also a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island**. Robert was the brother of the late Joyce and Norene. Relatives and friends **were** invited to attend his committal prayers on Thursday at 9:30 AM in Saint Ann’s Cemetery Chapel. A funeral procession was organized outside of the front gates of the cemetery at 9:15 AM to follow in procession to the chapel.



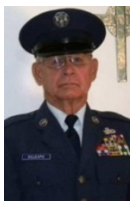
**CHARLES "Charlie" GARBER** – Died Thursday, February 8, 2024 in Manhattan, New York at the age of 79, surrounded by his loved ones after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a resident of Staten Island, New York. Charlie was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 23, 1944 and carried with him the resilience and spirit of the city throughout his life. Charlie is survived by his devoted wife, JoAnn, with whom he shared a profound and enduring love; his daughter, Melissa, who was the apple of his eye; his brother, Steven; and his brother Alan Shapiro. Each family member held a special place in his heart, and he in theirs. After earning an associate's degree in electronics, Charlie dedicated his career to being an Electronic Field Engineer, specializing in medical equipment. His work was not only a profession but a calling, as he played a vital role in the healthcare community. Charlie was also proud of his service to his country as a veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam. His commitment to service was a testament to his selfless nature. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Charlie's interests were a reflection of his love for life and the simple pleasures it offered. He found joy in spending time with his family, whether it was a quiet evening at home or a lively family gathering. An avid fisherman, he often shared stories of the one that got away, and his garden was a source of pride and tranquility. Charlie was also a tinkerer at heart, always ready to build or fix anything that came his way, embodying the adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it; but if it is, call Charlie." Those who knew Charlie would describe him as loving, selfless, and generous. He had a quiet strength and a warm smile that could light up a room. His legacy is one of kindness and compassion, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him. In times of sorrow, Charlie often found solace in the words of the great British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Charlie truly made a life by what he gave to his family, his friends, and his community. As we bid farewell to Charles "Charlie" Garber, we celebrate a life lived with purpose and love. His memory will be cherished, his stories retold, and his spirit will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to cross his path. Charlie's journey through life was a testament to the enduring power of love, service, and the human spirit. He will be deeply missed.



**MARVIN RICHARDS GIBSON** - Died peacefully Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at home in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 86, in the loving, comforting care of his family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 24, 1937 in Belleville, Illinois to the late Marvin H. and Ruth M. (née Richards) Gibson. For 75 years, Marvin was involved with the Boy Scouts, beginning first as a Cub Scout in Belleville. He interrupted his senior year in high school by enlisting in the United States Air Force, serving at various duty assignments and eventually being stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. It was at K.I. Sawyer that he was presented with the Eagle Scout medal. Upon his honorable discharge in May 1960, he returned to the classroom and graduated from Graveraet High School. For many years, Marvin was employed in sales with Carroll Motor Supply Company. On January 25, 1969, Marvin was united in marriage to Lois Ann Swenor. Together the couple established a home in Marquette where they raised their son, Scott. Marvin then enrolled at Northern Michigan University, graduating in 1974 with his Bachelor of Science Degree. Marvin's student teaching placement was with the Rock School, and for many years after he did substitute teaching at various schools, teaching Industrial Art and Drivers Education classes. He was also employed part time with the Fassbender Funeral Home as a driver and support staff. When Marvin retired from the workforce due to disability, he devoted much of his time to Scouting, serving as a mentor to youth and leaders alike. During his 75 years in Scouting, he impacted the lives of countless young people throughout the years. He exemplified what it was to be a Scout, honest, trustworthy, and respectful. Marvin carried those qualities into his daily life. He was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Richard Jopling Post #44 of the American Legion, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**, was an Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Saint George Award for making outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting. In his leisure time, Marvin enjoyed crafting, fishing, collecting and learning about Native American heritage, attending pow wows, and woodworking. He was well known for his crafting of walking sticks and helping his wife, Lois, with her annual house and yard decorating for all the holidays. He loved to talk (understatement) and tell stories, enjoyed attending NMU hockey with Lois, and had a Harry Potter obsession which included a HP tree in his home. He was honored in 2019 to be a member of that year's Honor Flight. Basically a simple and uncomplicated man, Marvin was honest, straightforward, sometimes blunt, but always respectful. Every evening, he wrapped himself in the prayer shawl that was given to him by the St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies. He loved and treasured his family and was very protective when it came to them. Marvin is survived by his wife, Lois; his son, Scott (Jill) Gibson of Negaunee; and grandchildren, Jace Gibson and Kyra Gibson; many nieces and nephews; and his feline companion, Pepper. In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Virgil Reinhardt. The family received relatives and friends at the Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. Reverend Father Greg Heikkala officiated. A reception followed in the funeral home reception room. The interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed online at [fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://fassbenderswansonhansen.com).



**JAMES CURTIS GILLESPIE** - Died Sunday, November 19, 2023 at his home in Bluefield, Virginia at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jenkin Jones, West Virginia on June 3, 1932 to the late Frank and Lina Gillespie. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Billie Jean Gillespie; his siblings: Frank Gillespie, Jr, Arnold Gillespie, John Gillespie, Gordon Gillespie, Carolyn Edwards and Sandra Thompson; his great-grandson: Matthew Stevens. Curtis served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was previously employed by Pemco, where he retired. He was active in the community and served on the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, the Clinch Valley Community Action Board and the Tazewell County Airport Authority. He was a proud member of the VFW Post #9696 and the American Legion, Pocahontas, VA. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628*. His passion was flying and was a private pilot for over 30 years. He will be lovingly missed by his daughter: Debbie Stevens and husband, Greg; son: David Gillespie and wife, Mendy; grandson: Shannon Stevens and wife, Jessica; great-grandson: Elijah Stevens; brothers: Ernest Gillespie, Roger Gillespie and wife, Sandra; sister: Sharon York and her husband. A service celebrating the life of Curtis was held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at the Dudley Memorial Chapel at 2:00 PM with Minister Allen Roberson officiating. The burial was held at the Grandview Memory Gardens, where Military Rites were conducted. Friends may visit with the family Wednesday at Dudley Memorial from 1:00 PM until the hour of the service. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to MSA Home Health and Hospice, Vanessa Wright and Jessica Stevens, for all the care and support they provided. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider making contributions to VFW Post #9696, Bluefield, VA.



**RANDALL H. "Gil" GILLESPIE, SR.** (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) – Died Sunday, October 15, 2023 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greer, South Carolina on November 14, 1938 to the late Roy and Helen Gillespie. He was surrounded by loving family when he realized, "it was time to come home, his tour of duty was through, you've given as much as anyone could be expected to do". These words are from a poem by Robert Longley, A Hero's Welcome. He was a beloved husband; father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend to many. His love of music was instrumental in his life and the friendships he built. Music was his passion. Gil's service to this Nation was his pride. He served this country for nearly 50 years. He served two years in the Army National Guard, 28 years in the United States Air Force, and almost 20 years in an Air Force civilian position. His service took him to many foreign countries. He had assignments, or temporary duty in Thailand, France, Belgium, and

Germany. His overseas duty also included two tours in Vietnam. In his second Vietnam tour, he was wounded in a mortar attack while stationed in DaNang, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**. Gil is preceded by his parents; six siblings; wife, Clara; and their child, Randall Jr. Surviving family includes his wife, Barbara; four siblings; children; grandkids; and great-grandkids. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled and announced as plans are finalized.

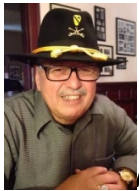


**JAMES LENWOOD "Mike" GLASS** - Died Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the VA Medical Center in Salem, Virginia at the age of 75. He was a resident of Bluefield, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 12, 1949 in Bluefield to the late, Glenn W. and Lena (née Nester) Walls Glass. He was a life-long resident of Bluefield and was a retired postal worker for the United States Postal Service. He was also a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Witt Glass, son, Shawn Patrick Glass, and brother, Glen W. "Butch" Glass, Jr. Survivors include his sister, Rebecca Dutton and husband Wayne; brother, Russell "Tim" Glass and wife Grace; brother-in-law, David Witt; and special niece, Michelle Glass. Also survived by many aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins. A graveside service was conducted at 1:00 PM on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA with Pastor Reverend James Kestner officiating. The Cravens-Shires Funeral Home was honored to serve the Glass family.



**PAUL PARKER GOAD, JR.** - Died Friday, March 1, 2024 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 23, 1944 to the late Paul Parker Goad, Sr. and Wilma Goad. Paul was a loving husband, father, uncle, brother and grandfather. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1962-1966 as an E-5; if you asked him what his job was, he would say he was the "Tough Task Master". He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. He graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Paul worked as IT Manager at Rand McNally, Chicago, IL and Nashville, TN, and later as a Project Manager and Consultant for a number of firms; a career that spanned over 40 years. Paul formerly attended The Barn Church, where he adopted their Bylaws and established them as a 501 (C)(3) non-profit status! He currently attended Bakers Grove Baptist Church, he loved his church family and worshipping the Lord. Paul was an incredible man, who loved to be in charge! He enjoyed his old Chevy Silverado, yard work, computer work, cooking, and debating with telemarketers on the phone! Paul was a kind and loving soul who will truly be missed by all his family and friends. He

was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Wilma Goad, Sr.; brother, Bill Goad; sister, Ellen Gammon; and son, Paul Goad, III. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Cindy Goad; children, Jamie Syes and Heather (Joseph) Weaver; siblings, Betty (Ronnie) Crick and Jerry Ramsey; grandchildren, Brandon Goad, Brittany (Brandi) Goad, Rebecca Goad, Austin Weaver, Cynthia Syes, Brooke Weaver, and Jessica Syes; 4 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends; and beloved cats, Sabrina and Fuzzy. The Visitation was held on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM (CST) and again on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 AM (CST) at the Sellars Funeral Home in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM (CST) with Dr. Van Richmond officiating at the Sellars Funeral Home in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. The Interment was at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery with William "Bill" Goad, Jr, Joseph Weaver, Brittany Goad, Chad Goad, Austin Weaver, and Ethan Martin serving as Pallbearers.



**ANTHONY T. GRASSO** – Died Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on December 13, 1948. He was the beloved husband of the late Betty (née Hupci) Grasso; devoted father of Cynthia (Rich Schenk) Grasso, Susan Grasso, and Lisa (Vinny) Torcasio; cherished grandfather of Amanda (Anthony) Stackpole, Corinne (Amin Hassan) Marzec, Nico (Rachael) Tripp, Maya Grasso, and Riley Torcasio; adored great-grandfather of many; loving son of the late Anthony D. and Amelia Grasso; dear brother of Mary Lou (Jorge) Acevedo and the late Raymond (late Sharon) Grasso; also survived by many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 with the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Relatives and friends visited the Lomdardo Funeral Home (Southtowns Chapel), 3060 Abbott Road, near Lake Avenue, on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saints Columba-Brigid Church, 75 Hickory Street, Buffalo on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Please assemble at Church. The interment was on Wednesday at 1:00 PM in Western New York National Cemetery. Anthony was a United States Vietnam Army Veteran. In lieu of flowers, donations in Anthony's honor may be made to WNYHeroes, Inc., 1001 East Delevan, Suite #9, Buffalo, NY 14215.



**WILLIAM H. "Bill" GRAVETT** - Died Saturday, February 24, 2024 in Venice, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born on January 5, 1946 in Fort Payne, Alabama to the late Kirby and Jessie Gravett. Bill received his bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University where he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi. He served in the United

States Army from 1968-1970. Bill was introduced to Shay (Sharon), shortly after his honorable discharge and they married in 1975. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. Bill spent the majority of his career in healthcare administration at Henry Ford Hospital. After several cold and snowy years in Michigan, Bill and Shay retired and relocated to sunny Venice, Florida. Bill was very active with the Vietnam Veterans both in Michigan and Florida. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth (Michigan) Chapter #528*. He was an avid Spartan, rarely missing a football or basketball game, and looked forward to the Big Dance every March. Bill was a Parrothead and enjoyed several Jimmy Buffet concerts with great friends. He loved to be with friends, travel and to make people laugh. He always had a joke to tell and in recent years began teaching his grandchildren both jokes and magic tricks. Bill will be deeply missed by Shay, his wife of 49 years, daughters Stacey and Jill and their husbands, and his four grandchildren: Grace, Colin, Anthony, and Cecilia. He will also be missed by several nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Ann. A celebration of Bill's life was scheduled for a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Canines for Heroes (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E358976&id=3>), the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 528 (Attn: Treasurer VVA 528, P.O. Box 6319, Plymouth, MI 48170-0473), or to the Senior Friendship Centers (2350 Scenic Way, Venice, FL 34293, [www.friendshipcenters.org/donate-today/](http://www.friendshipcenters.org/donate-today/)).



**TIM J. GREEN** - Died Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on November 26, 1947 in Lansing, Michigan to the late K. C. Green and Lorain Green-Hull. Tim is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; devoted son, Ryan (Ruth Ann); cherished daughter, Leslie; adored grandchildren, Emma, Micah, Clair, and Ira; brothers, Robert Hull Jr. (Rose) and J.D. Hull; sister-in-law, Lu Green; several nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorain Hull; stepfather, Robert Hull, Sr.; father, K.C. Green; brother Sam Green; stepsister, Cynthia Rochelle. Tim graduated from Elmhurst High School in Ft Wayne, IN, and furthered his education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration. Tim's early career was in sales for companies including Calgon Corporation and Sysco Corporation. During his time at Sysco Corporation, he was a corporate regional marketing manager. To fulfill his calling in ministry, he entered pastoral ministry serving in Arkansas and Oklahoma for nine years. After leaving pastoral ministry, he worked as a representative for the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program with the Career Centers in Tulsa and Muskogee, Oklahoma. In 2007, Tim took a position at the Tennessee Career Center, which brought him and Kathy to Cleveland. Tim stated, "My pastoral duties really helped me to understand what a rewarding career there is in serving people and now, veterans especially." Tim served in the United States Navy from January 1968 to August 1969. He received a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. Other recognitions include the National Commander's Award for Disabled Veterans Outreach Program; Valor, Service, and Sacrifice Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution; Group Service to Veterans Award; Disabled American Veteran of the

Year; Raymond H. Miller Veteran of the Year; Quilt of Valor, and recognition for his dedicated service as Chaplain for Chapter #25 of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596*. While in Oklahoma, Tim was the Vice President and President of Kiwanis Chapters in Duncan and Muskogee. After coming to Cleveland, he served as Chaplain for DAV Chapter #25 and Secretary for VVA Chapter #596. Tim was known for so generously giving his time to support ministry projects and efforts for International Children's Ministries, Keith Street Ministries, Disabled American Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans of America. His hobbies included community theater, golfing, building and home improvement projects. But his favorite pastime was spending time with his family. The memory of Tim will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace. The Remembrance of Life Memorial Service was conducted on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Keith Street Ministries with Bishop Brian Sutton, D.Min., Bishop Anthony Cain, Pastor Darren Schalk and Bishop Shaun McKinley, PhD officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jerry Harrison, Doyle Hughes, Tony Roberts, Pete Tolbert, Tom Taylor and David Wilbanks. Graveside Services and the interment were conducted on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 12:30 PM (CST) in the National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Military Honors were accorded. The family received friends from 10:00 until 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Keith Street Ministries. The Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel was charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with the Green family at [www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com).



**DUANE EVANS GREENE** - Died Monday, February 20, 2023 at the Harlingen Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 77. He was a resident of Dayton, Iowa and formerly of Humboldt, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Humboldt, Iowa on May 24, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa*. A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Mission Community Church in Harcourt. Pastor Ernest Almstaden officiated. Visitation was held prior to services at the church starting at 9:00 AM. The burial was at Union Cemetery in Humboldt. Military Graveside Rites were conducted by the Sathers – Odgaard VFW and the American Legion. For online obituaries and condolences visit: [www.carsonstappfuneralhome.com](http://www.carsonstappfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be left to the discretion of the family.

**CECIL EARNEST GREENFIELD** – Died Monday, October 16, 2023 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 74. He was a resident of Blackwell, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Cecil was born on December 10, 1948 in Yale, Oklahoma. He won the Oklahoma State Wrestling Championship in 1967, the same year he graduated from Blackwell High School. After graduation he served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Wiltsie, from 1968-1973. He served two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750*. Cecil is survived by four siblings, three children and many family members who loved, adored, and



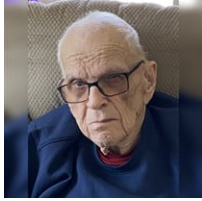
respected him. His services were held at 2:00 PM on November 18, 2023 at the VFW in Blackwell, OK.



**LEO MAX GREUNKE** – Died Friday, February 9, 2024 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 82. The cause of death was acute heart disease. He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, on the rainy day of June 16, 1941 to the late Theodore Greunke, and Dorthea (née Wehrend) Greunke. He was the third of four brothers, Carl, Martin, and Alvin. Their mother tragically passed away from pneumonia while they were very young. The brothers went to live with relatives in Nebraska, Carl and Marty to one uncle in Fremont and Leo and Alvin, to Otto and Alvina Greunke in Grant Nebraska where they joined their new older brother Richard. Leo attended parochial school in a one room country schoolhouse at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ogallala, Nebraska until high school where he attended Perkins County High School. There, Leo thrived as an athlete playing a multitude of sports including basketball, football, and also ran track and field. Leo was proud of the fact that he never missed a day of high school having graduated in 1959 with perfect attendance. Leo was also an avid reader and tied a classmate for the most books read over summer break despite being six miles from the nearest library. Leo had very fond memories of his childhood in the country, working on the family farm, milking cows, plowing the fields, tending to the chickens, and carrying irrigating pipe, among many other household chores, all proving to be excellent training for his sporting career. Leo originally met his future wife Anna Lee Greunke (née Velte) at Trinity Lutheran Church as a young boy only to become reacquainted with her in High School. The pair were married at Trinity on December 29th, 1963 and in the fall of 1964, relocated to Denver, Colorado. Leo began work at The Grain Exchange. In 1966 joined the United States Air Force and was sent to Gulfport, Mississippi, Misawa, Japan and ultimately Danang, Vietnam in 1969 where he served in the 6924<sup>th</sup> Security Squadron. Leo was sent home after duty to meet his 7-month old son for the first time. Shortly after, their son Michael was born in 1970 followed by their daughter LeAnn in 1978. Leo spent his career as superintendent of the Commerce City Grain Elevator where he put his hard earned farming knowledge to the test. Leo enjoyed the rigor and pace of the environment and made many lifetime friends along the way. Leo was an avid churchgoer and lived his life to the principles of the Christian Church. Leo was gracious and kind and would sacrifice anything for his family and many friends. He was an active participant in The Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**, and American Legion. He was anxiously awaiting his annual reunion coming this spring. Leo was a lover of nature, animals, Nebraska football, all sports, his family and friends, classical music, storytelling, antique hunting, collecting, the extra-terrestrial, veteran affairs, and gardening, among many other hobbies. Those who knew Leo anxiously awaited his home harvest of crops annually. Leo spent countless spring and summer hours nurturing his “therapy garden” and found great joy in sharing with others, what he had cultivated. Leo could captivate a room with his stories of life, and

graced us all with his goofy sense of humor. Leo was generous and kind and had the most sweet and gentle soul. His family will forever miss his incredible smile, kind demeanor, and fierce love of football. He was preceded in death by his parents Theodore and Dorothea Greunke (Wehrend) of Missouri, and Otto and Alvina Greunke of Grant, Nebraska, his older brother Richard, and his wife Virginia Greunke, sister in law Cheryl Greunke, sister in law Dee Greunke, nephew Matthew Greunke, wife Anna Lee Greunke, and his 5-year-old son Michael. He leaves to mourn, his son David, his wife Uta and their children Mari and Elin Greunke of Denver, Colorado, his daughter LeAnn and husband Don and their children Scarlett and Donny Sisson of Englewood, Colorado, his three brothers Carl and Barb Greunke of Fremont, Nebraska, Martin and Yvonne Greunke of Michigan, and Alvin Greunke of Aurora, Colorado, two sister in laws, Carol and her husband Harold Tickle of Alexandria, Virginia, and Louetta and her husband Burle Gengenbach of Roseville, Minnesota, a large number of cousins, nieces and nephews from both sides of the family, many friends, associates, and acquaintances. Leo showed strength and determination later in life where he bravely battled heart disease, diabetes, and Merkel Cell Carcinoma. Leo was a survivor, had endured more than his fair share of loss and grief, and remained determined to not let any of his recent grievances get the best of his desire to spend each and every minute telling his adoring children and grandchildren how much they meant to him. Leo missed his wife Anna Lee every minute of his life. Leo took great care of us all and was the ultimate family man. He will be greatly missed. Leo passed away unexpectedly at the age of 82 on Friday February 9th at Sky Ridge Medical Center after an acute battle with heart failure. Visitation was held at Horan and McConaty, 11150 East Dartmouth Avenue, Aurora, CO. Services for Leo were held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, Colorado on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**FRANCIS JOSEPH "Frank" GRIBBON, JR.** – Died Wednesday, November 1, 2023 in Homewood, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on July 7, 1947 to the late Francis Joseph Gribbon, Sr. and Imogene (née Jones) Gribbon. He is also predeceased by his sisters Mary Alice Gribbon and Loretta Gribbon Smejkal. He is survived by his sisters Linda Woods, Sharon G (Michael) Roebuck, Monica Neal, Delores Gribbon. Brother-in-law Steven Smejkal. Nieces and nephews Jerry (Gina) Woods, Michael (Marti) Woods, Tammy Woods (Dave) Nick, Nathan (Virginia) Woods, Kathryn Woods (Jason) Watson, Jennifer Roebuck, Geoie (Sarah) Roebuck, Andrew Smejkal, Wendy Neal (James) Workman, Donna Neal, Raphael Diaz, Alex (Jillian) Diaz. Fifteen great nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve for 20 years. He started working for Southern Company Services as an Electrical Draftsman and was quickly promoted to Electrical Designer. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416*. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Homewood, AL followed by burial at Forest Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama. The funeral services were under the direction of Ridout's Valley Chapel in Homewood.



**GERALD DALE GRIBLER** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 16, 2024 in Blythewood, South Carolina at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 3, 1937 in Portland, Oregon to the late George Lewis Gribler and Ruby Regina Gribler - Smith. SFC Gribler grew up in the North Plains and the Hillsboro area of Oregon and joined the United States Army at 17. He honorably served his country for more than 20 years. During his enlistment SFC Gribler received many commendations for his meritorious service to include the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Drill Sergeant Identification. Following his military career, SFC Gribler would enjoy 22 years in various positions of law enforcement throughout the Midlands. He was an officer for the City of Columbia Police Department, a Sergeant at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and Kirkland Correctional Institution, as well as Chief of Security for Columbia College. He was a member of the American Legion Post #303 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. SFC Gribler attended both North Columbia Baptist Church and Spring Valley Baptist Church. Survivors include his daughter, Melody Cooke-McDuffie and husband, Tony; grandchildren, Mallory Cooke Bell (Chris), Madison Cooke, Patrick McDuffie (Leslie), and Amanda McDuffie Baldwin (Raford); great-grandchildren, Maddalyn Baldwin, Christina Baldwin, Henley McDuffie, Mariah Baldwin, Fitz Bell, and Babs Bell. He also leaves behind nieces, Iola Loftis (Don), Penny Thompsen, and Lindy Kuehnl (Paul). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Jimmie Lou (née Folsom) Gribler; brothers, Leonard Gribler and Roy Gribler, as well as niece and her husband, Shirley Jacques (Ron). The funeral service for SFC Gribler was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Spring Valley Baptist Church, 91 Polo Road, Columbia, SC with Reverends Blake Jenkins and Jerry Sosebee co-officiating. A private entombment with full military honors was held at the Greenlawn Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family received friends prior to the service in the church sanctuary beginning at 2:00 PM. Memorials may be made to Spring Valley Baptist Church Music Ministry Fund.



**JOHN L. GRIFFITH** - Died Friday, December 22, 2023 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 14, 1948 in Odessa, Texas. John's passing leaves behind a legacy of compassion, dedication to his profession, and unwavering loyalty to his loved ones. John began his career as a respiratory therapist with a genuine desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Throughout his years in the field, he touched countless lives through his dedication and commitment to delivering exceptional care. However, it was not only in his career that John demonstrated boundless devotion. He served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. John's unwavering

courage and commitment earned him numerous medals of honor for his valorous actions during his time in service. His bravery and sacrifice showcased his deep love for his country and fellow servicemen. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hendersonville Chapter #240*. In addition to his distinguished career and military service, John was blessed with a loving family. He formed an unbreakable bond with Kathy Griffith, whom he married and cherished for many years. Their love served as an inspiration to all who knew them, consistently radiating warmth and strength. Following Kathy's passing, John found love again with Gail Nabors-Griffith. Their union brought joy and companionship into their lives as they supported each other through thick and thin. They shared countless treasured memories together. John deeply valued friendship and maintained strong connections throughout his life. His brother-in-law Winfield "Jack" Cooper held a special place in his heart, and their bond was a source of mutual support and laughter. Greg Johnson and Debbie Sloan were also close friends, who stood by John's side through life's challenges. Josh, Julie Soppe, Brian, and Betsy Skelly were among the many friends who formed an integral part of John's life, turning moments into cherished memories. John L. Griffith will be remembered as a compassionate caregiver, a valiant defender of freedom, and a loving husband. His selflessness touched the lives of many, leaving a lasting impression on all fortunate enough to have known him. Although his physical presence is no longer with us, his spirit lives on through the memories shared by friends and family. As we bid farewell to John, we remember the joy he brought to our lives and strive to carry forward his legacy of unwavering dedication and love for one another. He will forever remain in our hearts as someone who made this world a better place through his kindness and selflessness. May John L. Griffith rest in eternal peace. A memorial service was scheduled for later in the year.



**RANDALL L. "Randy" GROFF** - Died Sunday, March 3, 2024 in Lancaster, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Randy was born in Lancaster on April 17, 1949 to the late Harold and Freda (née Wilkinson) Groff. Randy graduated as a member of the Class of 1967 from Lancaster High School, where he was a member of the football and wrestling teams. Randy will always be remembered as a loyal and devoted father, grandfather, husband, patriot, veteran, and community volunteer and advocate. After a year at The Ohio State University, Randy joined the United States Marine Corps, serving as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines in Vietnam. After his service, he obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University. He held various corporate marketing and sales positions over the years, with stays in Atlanta, Dallas, and Detroit before returning to Lancaster in 1987. Randy was active in veteran organizations. He was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines Association, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1045*, AMVETS Post #1985, VFW Post #1516, and American Legion Post #11. Randy was also active in his community. He was elected to the Lancaster City Council for 4 terms, where, among other duties, he served as Chairman of the Law Committee. He also served as a member of the Lancaster City Board of Zoning Appeals for 16 years and the Lancaster City Board of Health for 5 years. He served as Chairman of the Lancaster-Fairfield County 4th of

July Committee for 12 years, and was active with the Sons of the American Revolution and Fairfield County Heritage Association, among other organizations. Randy is survived by his wife, Judy Bining Groff, daughter, Elizabeth Groff (Steve Sadlak), daughter, Katherine (Jamie) Werchadlo, daughter, Kristen (David) Clechenko, stepson, John (Natalie) Furniss, stepdaughter, Marnie (Dan) Shaffer, brother, Rick Groff, and nephew, Brandi Groff. He is also survived by his fourteen grandchildren: Will; Max; Owen; Collin; Andrew; Vale; Diana; John; Charlotte; Lillian; Jack; Adelaide; Freddie; and Frances. A funeral service was held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home, 405 North Columbus Street, Lancaster, Ohio. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and again from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested contributions to the Fairfield County Heritage Association, Fairfield County Strings and Keyboards, or a favorite veteran organization. To send an online condolence, and sign the guest book, please visit [www.funeralhome.com](http://www.funeralhome.com).

**JOSEPH GUARNERI** – Died recently in 2024 in Red Bank, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 27, 1949. He is survived by his daughter, Katrina Coakley. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Monmouth Chapter #721**.



**PAUL HENRY (B.O.) HALL, SR.** – Died Thursday February 29, 2024 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. Paul (B.O.) was born in Knoxville, on June 10, 1941, the sixth son born to the late Jeff and Elizabeth (née Moulden) Hall. He graduated from Austin High school in 1964 and joined the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He was a member of Bush Grove Baptist Church. He had several hobbies, fishing being one, but was really passionate for the love of playing his organ that he learned to play by ear. Paul was preceded in death by parents, Jeff and Elizabeth Hall Moulden; brothers, Namon, Eugene, Robert, Sr., Claude, and Melvin Hall; sisters, Sammie Nelson, Mary Grimes, Carolyn McGill, and Frances Hall; sisters-in-law, Olpha Betty, Virginia, Annie Ruth and Amanda Hall; brother-in-law, Ira Grimes. Left to celebrate Paul's homecoming, son Paul Hall, Jr. and wife, Katrina; grandson, Guy, granddaughters, Tya and Aalyah; nephew and nieces, Namon Jr, Doug, Patricia, Robert Jr, Tony Hall, Brenda, Linda, Thomas, Brian, Chicko, Barbara Joe (Louise), Wanda, Debbie, Joyce, Tony Elder, Eleanor, Jimmy (Leeann), Quincy, Sueann, Mary, Teresa and Wayne. He has many other relatives and friends too many to mention. The Hall family wishes to thank each and every one for their words of love and comfort during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Beal Bourne and staff, and the Tennessee Veteran honor guards. May God bless and keep all of you. The family received friends from 12:30-1:00 PM on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at the Jarnigan's Chapel with the funeral service at 1:00 PM. The interment was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the Knoxville National

Cemetery. The arrangements were provided by the Jarnigan and Son Mortuary. [www.jarniganandson.com](http://www.jarniganandson.com).



**LEIGHTON R. "Skip" HAMMOND** - Died Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Haven, Connecticut at the age of 77. He was a resident of Windsor, Connecticut. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 22, 1945 in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Charles and Mildred (née Levasseur) Hammond. He was the beloved husband of Linda (née Aliano) Hammond. Skip grew up in Avon, and graduated from Avon High School in 1965. After high school, he served in the United States Army and was deployed to Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He later joined the Connecticut National Guard leaving with the rank of Sergeant. In 1968, Skip joined the Windsor Police Department and was trained by the Municipal Police Training Council. He then attended and graduated from the National Crime Prevention Institute, University of Louisville and became the towns first Crime Prevention Officer. He took his retirement from there in 1979. After that he and his wife, Lynn, owned and operated Associated Detective Bureau for 30 years specializing in polygraph testing. They both went to the National Training Center of Polygraph Science to gain their certifications as Forensic Psychophysiology's. Their clients included 65 police departments, private attorney's, public defenders, and prosecutors. Skip was a member of the CT Polygraph Association and the American Polygraph Association. He was also the Deputy Director of Windsor Civil Defense and a member of the Windsor Knights of Columbus; Disabled American Veterans; a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120*, Windsor Kiwanis and he served as the Adjutant and was a member of the Honor Guard for the Abe E. Miller American Legion Post #133 in South Windsor. Plus, he really enjoyed his time as a Safe Driver Instructor for seniors through AARP. Something he truly loved was taking road trips throughout the United States. He and Lynn crisscrossed the country twice over the years visiting 49 states and most of this country's National Parks. One three-month trip took them from Key West, Florida to the Arctic Circle in a 24,000-mile journey. When he was not traveling, Skip enjoyed hiking and even started the Happy Hikers Club at the Windsor Senior Center. Other hobbies included golfing, woodworking, campfires, fishing, hunting or anything that brought him out into nature. In fact, his love for the outdoors led him to building a log cabin in the woods of Vermont, which he, the family, and friends enjoyed for over 20 years. Besides his wife of 53 years, Lynn, he is survived by a son, Michael Raymond Hammond and his wife, Lisa of Rocky Hill, a daughter Leigh-Ann Hammond, of Hartford; three grandchildren, Michael R. Hammond, Jr., Benjamin David Hammond, and Deborah Lynn Hammond; two brothers, Bruce Hammond and his partner Bonnie of New Mexico, John (Jack) Hammond and his wife Shannon of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, plus several nieces, nephews, and cousins. His family received friends on June 21, 2023 at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Avenue., Windsor from 4:00 to 6:00 PM followed by full Military Honors and the memorial service from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Memorial donations can be sent to: VACT Fisher

House, 950 Campbell Avenue, Mail Code 135F, West Haven, CT 06516. To leave on-line condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



**DWIGHT L. HARDER** - Died Sunday, February 11, 2024 at home in Castile, New York at the age of 76, under the loving care of his family. The cause of death was cancer. Mr. Harder was born on August 16, 1947 in Rochester, New York to the late Leon and Charlotte (née Hunter) Harder. Dwight served his country with the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and was an accomplished general contractor. He is a former member of Constellation Lodge #404 Free and Accepted Masons, the Perry Vets Club, and the VFW Post #5009 all in Perry. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Warsaw Chapter #193*. Mr. Harder was a hard worker throughout his life. He enjoyed deer hunting, cooking, remodeling old houses, and helping friends and family. He was a car and truck enthusiast. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Pemba (née Graham) Harder of Castile; son, Jeremy (Barbara) Harder of Castile; grandchildren, Ryan (Erica) Harder, Robert (Melissa) Harder, Matthew Harder, Brandi Steiner, Cassandra Sciarrino, and Lorin Volk; great-grandchildren, Aria Oliver, Emma Taylor, Joseph Harder, Theodore Harder, Tanner Constable, Carson Volk, Maddyson Sciarrino, Gavin Hall, Connor Durion, Jackson Lathrop and one on the way; siblings, Sheila (late John) Rennoldson, Sherry (late Daniel) Pelcher, Dianne (Purley) Wilkinson, C. Marie Domm, and Charles Domm; sisters-in-law, Kathryn (Stephen) Lewis, and Christina (David) Vanderbosch; brother-in-law, Rodney (Linda) Graham. Many nieces and nephews also survive. Along with his parents, Dwight is preceded in death by several siblings. Family and friends were invited to call on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Eaton-Watson Funeral Home, 98 North Main Street in Perry, where a Memorial Service which immediately followed the visitation at 1:00 PM. The burial was in the Harder Cemetery in Hemlock and it was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Castile Fire Department. Online condolences at [www.eatonwatsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.eatonwatsonfuneralhome.com). The arrangements were entrusted the Eaton-Watson Funeral Home, 98 North Main Street, Perry.

**DAVID HARDIN** – Died recently in 2024 in Hewitt, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on October 14, 1949. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Marine Corps from September 9, 1968 to April 24, 1970. He served with A Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marine, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey*.



**DAVID LEE HARPER, SR.** - Died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, January 29, 2024, at his home in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on

July 10, 1949 in Asheville, North Carolina to the late Harry Harper and Ella Mae (née Ramsey) Harper-Meagor. Mr. Harper served his country proudly with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. While serving, he received the Navy Achievement Award for Combat Valor, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Frame, and many other badges and decorations. He was a retired Professional truck driver. While his health permitted, he loved to hunt, ride four-wheelers and was an avid gun collector. Mr. Harper was a member of the Marine Corps League, having been involved with Toys-4-Tots Program. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bramwell Chapter ##985**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Charles William Craddock. He was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church in Princeton. Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 33 years, Drema Farmer Haper; Children, David Lee Harper Jr. and wife Melissa, Sylvia Cox and husband Charles, Harold Everett Craddock and wife Melissa; Daughter-in-law, Melissa Craddock; Grandchildren, Jonathan and James Terry, Emily and Nathan Craddock; Siblings, Eddie Harper and wife Wanda and Hope Ramsey. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 2, 2024 in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Sam Vance officiating. The burial was in New Zion Cemetery near Princeton with a military graveside service under the direction of the U.S. Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps Reserve. Friends visited on Friday from 1:00 PM until the service hour at the funeral home. The pallbearers were James and Jonathan Terry, Harold and Nathan Craddock, Charles Cox and Tom Reynolds. Online condolences may be shared with the family via [www.memorialfd.com](http://www.memorialfd.com). The Harper family was served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.



**EDWARD LEE “Ed” HART** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at Saint Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Millbury, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born in Toledo on March 9, 1940 to the late William and Helen (née Gezo) Hart. He married the love of his life, Theresa, and together they watched their family grow and spent many happy years together until her passing in 2023. Ed enlisted in the United States Army and honorably served his country in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He took great pride in his service to his country and was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Toledo Chapter #35**. Ed also enjoyed fly fishing, outdoor nature trails, bird watching, and was a lifetime member of the NRA. His greatest joy in life was his family, and he will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. Ed leaves behind his children, Richard (Laura), Randall (Penny), Andrew (Jenny), and Amy (Kevin); his 13 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; his brother, David (Pat); his sister-in-law, Jeannie; his special cousins, George Hart, Brad Hart, and Kim Hart; and his dear friend, George Shaull. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Theresa, and his parents, William and Helen. Family and friends visited the Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 South Wynn Road in Oregon, Ohio on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon with the memorial service held at 12:00 Noon. Ed was laid to rest at Lake Township Cemetery with his wife. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #35, 2300 Ashland Avenue, Suite #229, Toledo, OH 43620.





**CYNTHIA JOYCE "Cindy" HARTWICK** - Died Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in Alpena, Michigan at the age of 59. She was a resident of Hawks, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Goodrich, Michigan on January 19, 1965 to the late Thomas and Sylvia (née Richards) Hartwick. Cindy was the first person from Presque Isle County to participate in the Special Olympics. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. Cindy loved spending time with family and could be a little "sassy" if she didn't agree with you. She enjoyed dancing, music, painting, camping, bowling and watching westerns and Star Trek on television. Cindy was involved with Operation Holidays through the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 583 in Alpena. She was survived by four siblings, Richard, Hartwick of Saint Helen, Neil Hartwick of Hawks, David (Cindy) Hartwick of Lapeer and Valerie (John) Schalk of Rogers City; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins. Cindy was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Sylvia; and a brother, Randy. Friends visited at the Beck Funeral Home on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM through the time of her funeral at 1:00 PM. The burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Case Township. Memorials may be given to Operation Holidays in memory of Cynthia Hartwick.



**NEIL ROSS HARTWICK** - Died Thursday, February 8, 2024 in Midland, Michigan at the age of 71. He was a resident of Hawks, Michigan. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born in Goodrich, Michigan on July 28, 1952 to the late Thomas and Sylvia (née Richards) Hartwick. Neil graduated from Oxford High School in 1971. He served in the United States Army from October 13, 1971 to October 12, 1973 where he was stationed in Vietnam. Neil was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274** in Cheboygan, a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #583 in Alpena, a life member of Rogers City VFW Post #607, a member of the Agent Orange Riders Chapter #1, and a member of the Rogers City Sportsman's Club. He was a certified instructor for hunters' safety classes. When Neil wasn't caring for his mom, before she passed in May of 2006, or providing brotherly love and compassionate care for his sister, Cindy, you could find him riding one of his Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Neil was a true outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He included Cindy on their once-a-month camping trips, even during the winter. He is survived by three siblings, Richard, Hartwick of Saint Helen, David (Cindy) Hartwick of Lapeer, and Valerie (John) Schalk of Rogers City; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Sylvia; a brother, Randy; and a sister, Cynthia. Friends visited the family at the Beck Funeral Home on Thursday from 11:00 AM through

the time of his funeral at 1:00 PM where Rogers City VFW Post #607, Cheboygan VVA Chapter #274, Alpena VVA Chapter #583 and the Agent Orange Riders accorded full military honors immediately following his funeral service. The burial was at the Riverside Cemetery in Case Township. Memorials may be given to Operation Holidays in memory of Neil Hartwick. Online condolences may be addressed through [www.beckfuneralhome.org](http://www.beckfuneralhome.org).



**HERMANN GERHARD HASKEN, JR.** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) – Died peacefully in his sleep on Christmas, Monday, December 25, 2023 at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Pasadena, Maryland at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren every day, ultimately receiving the gift of eternal life on Christmas day. Hermann was born in Amersfoort, the Netherlands on 23 July 1935 to the late Hermann Gerhard Hasken, Sr. and Lummigje “Lien” Hasken. As a young child, he lived under Nazi occupation and was forced to become “man of the house” after his father Hermann, Sr. was captured and sent away to solitary confinement in a local prison camp. The early years of the war were spent foraging for food, firewood and coal to keep his family warm in the winter, and avoiding German Army night patrols after curfew. Perhaps the most seminal moment of his youth was witnessing Nazi soldiers executing 10 innocent Dutch citizens near his home when he was just nine years old. When the war was over, Hermann, Jr. said he wanted to find a place where freedom was certain, and worth fighting for. He was destined to be a soldier for life, committed to God, country, and family. While serving a two-year obligation in the Dutch Army, Hermann, Jr. applied for immigration to the United States through Church World Services, taking advantage of quotas that were set after the Soviet Union invaded Hungary in 1956. Seeking “freedom and opportunity” as he often quoted, he arrived in Warren, Massachusetts in January 1957, and was drafted in United States Army in August 1957. He was first assigned to 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany. While on leave visiting family in his hometown of Amersfoort, he met Hendrika “Marya” Van Voorst and started a love affair that would last for the next 65 years. Hermann and Marya were married in July 1959, stayed in Germany a brief time, and later settled in Fort Meade, Maryland for his next assignment. Major Hasken was then selected and attended Officer Candidate School and US Army Airborne School in Fort Benning, Georgia and later assigned to the 19<sup>th</sup> PSYOP Group in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was then selected and attended US Army Special Forces training and earned the coveted Green Beret. In 1965, he participated in Operation POWER PACK in the Dominican Republic. He later served two tours in Vietnam with MACV-SOG as part of 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group from 1967 to 1968, and again from 1969 to 1970. After three years in Okinawa with 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group, Major Hasken’s last assignment on active duty was with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He retired from active duty in December, 1977. Major Hasken and his family then moved to Stratford, Wisconsin. Hermann became active in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and his church, and began a career as a trusted financial advisor for nearly two decades. Hermann and Marya spent the next three decades watching their family grow with great joy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

**of America – Easton (Maryland) Chapter #648.** As their children and grandchildren later moved to the DMV area, Hermann Jr and Marya moved from Wisconsin to Easton, Maryland in 2004, once again becoming active in the VFW. Hermann also took the opportunity to return to his roots and volunteered as first mate on the skipjack “Nathan of Dorchester,” a living museum based in Cambridge, Maryland. As the effects of service connected disabilities started to have greater impact on day to day living, Hermann and Marya moved to Odenton, Maryland in 2017 to be closer to their children. Every opportunity was taken to collect treasured moments with the “troops,” as he called his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Hermann’s focus was always on family. Hermann is preceded in death by his brother Ben Hasken (The Netherlands), and his son in law, Paul Strohman. Hermann is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Hendrika “Marya” (née Van Voorst) Hasken; his two daughters Mary Lou (Strohman) and her two children Taylor and Connor; and Ellen (Clouse) and Stephen Clouse and their five children Justin, Abigail (Metro), Hannah (Kurz), Jared, and Caroline (Whitener); and his sons LTC (US Army, retired) Hermann Hasken III and Elizabeth (Manzano) and their two children Margaret (Schweitzer) and Garrett; and LTC (US Army, Retired) Scott and Barbara (Truhlar) Hasken and their three children John, Kristen (Stewart), and Ryan. Hermann is the proud grandfather of twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Easton, Maryland and the burial took place at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Hermann G. Hasken Jr, can be made to the Green Beret Foundation (<https://greenberetfoundation.org/donate/>) or Church World Service (<https://cwsglobal.org/donate/>)



**LLOYD E. “Skip” HASWELL** - Died Monday, March 4, 2024 in Nolomis, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 18, 1944 in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania to the late Lloyd E. Hasell, Sr. and Norma (née Bubb) Haswell. Skip graduated from Lincoln High School class of 1964 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, training at Parris Island, Camp Pendleton and Okinawa Jungle Warfare Training Center before serving in Vietnam as a Sergeant in Alpha Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines operating out of Chu Lai airbase from 1966 to 1967. Returning home, he joined the Beaver Falls Police Department, married Pamela Hysell and earned an Associate of Science Degree in Criminology from Community College of Beaver County. He was named Policeman of the Year in 1970 and founded the first canine unit in Beaver County with his K-9 Shane. As police captain he trained with the US Secret Service, FBI and the drugs and narcotics school. He was President of the Fraternal Order of Police - Lodge 4 and on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police. Haswell became Beaver Falls Chief of Police in 1984. After retiring from the police dept. in 1989 he worked as Director of Marketing at Medic Rescue Ambulance Service, Emergency Defensive Driver’s Trainer and as deputy coroner with the Beaver County Coroner’s Office on call 24/7. He was a *Life Member* and the *President* and *Founder* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Beaver County (Midland) Chapter #862** with over 800 members. In 2003 Haswell

was named Vietnam Veteran of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Council. Skip was also heavily involved in local youth sports coaching Chippewa Indians football teams, baseball, Blackhawk girls basketball and many of his daughters' softball teams. Preceded in death by his parents, siblings Elaine Haswell, Carol Wilfong and David T. Haswell. Skip will be deeply missed by his wife Pamela Haswell, their children, Nicole (Drew) Kosco and Marci (Greg) Mazenko, William 'Skipper' Haswell, sister Tracie L. Haswell Todd and many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered as a devoted dog lover, antique Corvette enthusiast, doo-wop/oldies/Beach Boys aficionado and lover of God, Country, Corps... and most of all, his family. Thank you Skip, for a life of service to your communities. Welcome to Valhalla. Semper Fi. There was a memorial service held with full military honors held at a later date, in Western Pennsylvania.



**JACKIE MELFORD "Jack" HAWPE** - Died Tuesday, February 12, 2024 at Ascension Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 79. He was a resident at the Tennessee Veterans Home in Murfreesboro and formerly of Lebanon, Tennessee. The cause of death was a stroke. He was a native of Wichita, Kansas born on December 28, 1944 to the late Alfred Hawpe and Anna (née Howeth) Hawpe. Prior to his move to Tennessee in 1998, Jack spent most of his adult years in Oklahoma. Survivors include his beloved wife of 27 years, Ada Lou Kirk Hawpe; brother: Billy Ray Hawpe of Oklahoma; daughters: Vicki Tarpley and Jaquita Baggett of Chickasha OK; step-son: Lee (Jeanie) Fraley of Phoenix AZ; step-daughters: Beth (Chris) West of Murfreesboro and Cathy Fraley of Buckeye AZ; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and a host of loving friends and family. He is preceded in death by brothers Ronnie Hawpe, Muriel Hawpe, and Darell Hawpe, and sister Darla Sue Allison. Before Jack retired to Tennessee, he was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War where he served as a Staff Sergeant Medic, earned the Bronze Star, and received additional praise and recognition for his service. He also served honorably in the Army National Guard in Arkansas. While in Lebanon, Jack was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. He served as chapter president and he enjoyed and loved the comradery offered by his fellow members. Jack also served as a deacon at the Family Baptist Church in Lebanon. The Funeral Service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 16, 2024 at Family Baptist Church, 81 Franklin Road, Lebanon TN. The family received friends at the church on Friday from 12:00 Noon until the service at 1:00 PM. A private burial followed the service at Cedar Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Family Baptist Church in Lebanon TN. The funeral arrangements were made by the Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, <https://sellarsfuneralservices.com>.



**JOSEPH EDWIN "Joe" HERBERT** - Died Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Holiday City Care Center in Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 76, after a short, but brave battle against his greatest enemy, pancreatic cancer. He was a resident of Beachwood, New Jersey. Joe was born in Bayonne, New Jersey on August 26, 1947 to the late Edwin E. and Mary E. (née Franz) Herbert. He was raised in both Bayonne and Jersey City. He graduated from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City, class of 1964. Shortly thereafter, he volunteered for United States Army Service during the Vietnam War. He became a paratrooper with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, having completed over 100 jumps. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (MOS Chemical and NBC NCO) and relished his time as a drill sergeant. His service to our country took him to many places, including Strasbourg, Germany and one of his favorites, Hong Kong. He constantly talked about the delicious food at Jimmy's Kitchen, a unique European restaurant he frequented there on Wyndham Street, well known for their voluminous 100-page menu. Upon returning home from Vietnam in 1975, he enrolled in night classes for business at County College of Morris while working as an over the road truck driver. After divorcing his first wife, Joe moved to Toms River with his parents. He transferred to Ocean County College in 1983, where he met Nora, the love of his life. They discovered a common interest in martial arts/fitness and took Karate classes together there. Joe and Nora eventually married at Chapel of the Air, Lakehurst, in a military style ceremony on September 17, 1988, enjoying many years together. Some of their most memorable times were: their honeymoon cruise to Bermuda; traveling to San Francisco and Newport Beach, CA (where Nora's Dad and Stepmom lived); traveling to Charlotte, NC, the hub of NASCAR racing; seeing some of the beautiful sites in our great state of New Jersey, among them Cape May at Christmas time, High Point State Park, and the October Lighthouse Tour/Challenge; as well as many Thanksgivings with the Mulholland cousins in Freehold; and attending Moody Blues and Holiday Express concerts, plus Blueclaws and Phillies games. Joe continued to serve in the Army Reserves during monthly training weekends for the next 15 years after marrying Nora while working in various transportation jobs. He also enrolled in maritime training at the Seafarers Harry Lundberg School of Seamanship, Piney Point, MD during this time, which he completed in 2003, to enhance what he'd learned as a tugboat captain during his earlier Vietnam service. But Joe strongly felt the call of duty to serve his country full-time again in 2004, when he functioned as a Chemical Ops Specialist, training troops at Fort Dix (78<sup>th</sup> Division) for deployment to Afghanistan during OEF. This was his last tour of duty, where he was honorably discharged in 2006. During his Army service, Joe has received numerous awards, including Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation and Achievement Medals, and several Army Good Conduct and Army Reserve Achievement Medals. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. Joe's inner calling to give back to society in a meaningful way led him to complete his undergrad studies at Kean University in 2010 so that he could teach Social Studies and History at High School level. He received his NJ state teaching certification and became a substitute teacher. However, this venture didn't prove satisfying, so Joe returned to Kean University to complete his college education, where he graduated with honors as a member of Pi Alpha, the Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, earning a Master's in Public Administration, specialization Environmental Planning, in 2013. This was a proud day of

achievement for him, as he was the only male family member to reach this level of education. Joe was a huge railfan, having started his love of steam trains as a child when his father, Edwin, worked for Penn Central Railroad as a mechanic/engineer. He especially enjoyed going on the haunted train ride with Nora at Allaire State Park during Halloween time. Joe was also a big NWSL fan, particularly the NJ/NY Gotham, San Diego Wave and Angel FC; some of his favorite players were Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan (plus Alex's daughter Charli, future NWSL star) and Kristin Press. He became enamored with European football when he played the game in Germany while stationed there during his Army service. A talented artist, he enjoyed sketching outdoor scenes in watercolor and pen and ink, especially local river/beachfront areas with boats and lighthouses, and of course his beloved steam trains. Joe enjoyed his last years at the new Beachwood house he and Nora moved into in November 2020. His favorite activities there included creating a native flower garden; planting Japanese pear, red bud and Colorado spruce trees; and puttering around in their basement with various woodworking projects, making their house a home. He especially liked sitting in the wicker rocking chair on their front porch, greeting neighbors and friends who passed by, and of course, blowing kisses to Nora as she drove off to work. Joe possessed the gift of gab, which will always be remembered by the many people he met on his life's journey. With a passion for politics, he never missed an opportunity to debate anyone who was willing to join him on his soapbox 😊, especially John Mulholland. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Nora, first cousin Jane Mulholland, and many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mulholland cousins. A memorial gathering was held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Anderson and Campbell Funeral home, 703 Main Street, Toms River, NJ. A graveside committal service was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, North Hanover Township, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Joe to Tunnels to Towers and Sherry Strong. <https://t2t.org>. <https://sherrystrong.org/>.



**DAVID G. HILES** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:00 AM in Reynoldsburg, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on February 18, 1954 to the late Reverend Glen Hiles and Belle Hiles. Dave is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Natalie Shawne (née Switzer), his daughter, Amber (Bob) Wagner, grandson, Jacob (Lindsay), and great-grandchildren, Emmy and Wesley. He is also survived by his sister Rebecca (John) Costello and brother Mark (Lisa) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev Glen and Belle Hiles and brother, Jeffrey. Following graduation from Lucasville Valley High School in 1972, Dave immediately enlisted in the United States Navy and began a career that spanned 24 years. He retired in 1996 as a Chief Petty Officer. Early in his tenure, he served on the USS Kansas City (AOR-3) a newly commissioned replenishment oiler that supported Naval operations in the South Pacific during the Vietnam War. He later served on a WWII era fleet ocean tug, the USS Moctobi (AT-105), until the ship was decommissioned at the Long Beach (CA) Naval Shipyard. He then transferred to the USS Gray (FF-

1054) before transitioning to shore duty in Willow Grove, PA, Ravenna, OH and Columbus, OH. Following his retirement, Dave worked as a dispatcher for Certified Oil for 15 years before returning to serve the military as a procurement officer for the DOD Defense Logistics Agency in Whitehall. During his nine years with the DLA, Dave was deployed as a civilian at age 57 to Bagram Afghanistan and Forward Operating Base Shank with a forward Marine detachment. When not in service to the military, Dave enjoyed the outdoors hunting and fishing with relatives, friends, and fellow veterans. He also treasured his many travels with Natalie across the continental 48, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Australia as well as dusting off his dress blues to escort his bride to many Marine Corp balls. A lifelong car enthusiast, he enjoyed spending his weekends at car shows displaying his meticulously restored 1966 Pontiac GTO. Last November, Dave participated in Honor Flight Tri-State. He cherished the opportunity to tour Washington DC with a plane load of veterans and their escorts and was extremely proud to have been escorted by his niece, Rachel (Costello) Miller. In recent years as his health declined, he was blessed to get connected with Disabled Veterans Outdoors, an Ohio- based 501©3 that provides outdoor recreational experiences to disabled veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worthington Chapter #670**. The family asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in Dave’s memory to the DVO. The mailing address is PO Box 2; New Lexington, OH 43764. His family received friends on Monday from 3:30-5:30 PM at the Cotner Funeral Home, 7369 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg. Graveside service with Military Honors were held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dayton National Cemetery.



**CONRAD A. "Connie" HOFFMANN** - Died Monday, January 15, 2024 in Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 84. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey on September 7, 1939. Conrad then resided in Cedar Grove, prior to settling in Toms River in 1987. Conrad was a loving husband, Dad, Pop, brother, uncle, Comrade and friend to many. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as an 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Paratrooper in addition to serving as a combat medic for the First Air Calvary unit. After military service, he joined the Plumbers Local Union No. 24 where he completed his apprenticeship, becoming a plumber and rising to the elected position of business agent, retiring in 1996. He also served on the board of trustees, delegate of Union County Building Trades, the New Jersey State Pipe Trades and United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters. For many years, Conrad was also known as the organizer of blood drives through the Plumbers Local #24. Conrad was known as "Mr. VFW", an organization he held near and dear to his heart. He was a voice for the homeless veterans, reminding everyone that "no veteran (is to be) left behind". Conrad was a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post #6063, where he served in all positions, holding the position of Post Commander for many years and also as a Past New Jersey State Commander. Conrad was also a member of American Legion Post #29. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roselle Chapter 3200**. Conrad was always found serving others. He enjoyed being with family and friends. He was a boy scout leader, baseball coach, little league manager, the known chauffeur and was always the loudest voice on the

sidelines in support of his kids and grandkids. He loved being everyone's "Pop". Conrad is survived by his wife, Patricia of 48 years. Five children; Conrad Jr., Deborah, Phillip, Dawn (Richard) and Eric (Amy); Grandchildren; Ashley (Michael), Samuel, Kyle and Corey. Great-granddaughters; Ava and Parker; Siblings; Dennis Stewart (Margie), Marian Welzmueller, Diane Pastena (James), Cathy Baatz (Joseph), Marie Hiis (Douglas), John Hoffmann (Sherrie), Lisa Hoffmann and sister-in-law, Janice Arthur (Gary). Conrad also had many beloved nieces and nephews as well as other extended family that he considered his own. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Hoffmann, Elizabeth Mertz, Alice Hoffmann; brother-in-law, Michael Kudlick, sister-in-law, Sally Pantiel and brother-in-law, Martin Welzmueller, Sr. John 11:25-26. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. The family would like to thank all the nurses and supportive staff at Concord Rehabilitation and staff of Serenity Hospice for all their compassion and care during Conrad's stay. Family and friends were invited to a visitation on Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM at the Carmona Bolen Funeral Home, 412 Main Street in Toms River. A service took place on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, NJ and everyone was invited to meet at the cemetery at 2:15 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.



**HARRY ALLEN HOUGHTLING** - Died Saturday, March 9, 2024 in his home in Gasport, New York at the age of 75, following a brief illness. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on September 30, 1948 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Richard and Margaret (née Burrows) Houghtling and had lived in this area all of his life. Harry was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War where he served as a gunner on a helicopter. He was a *Life Member* and *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Niagara County (Lockport) Chapter #268**, retired as a Tinsmith from General Motors, enjoyed hunting and loved the outdoors. He had two special loves in his life which were his cats; Mikey and his 'princess' Sadie. Mr. Houghtling was predeceased two sisters: Judy and Donna and a brother: Kenny. He is survived by his wife Cheryl, his sons: Heath and Joshua Houghtling, Matthew and Brett Winters, his brothers: Gary and Ray (Virginia) Houghtling, 3 grandchildren: Emily, Warren, Sage as well as several nieces and nephews. There were no calling hours. A private service and interment was held in Western New York National Cemetery at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: The Wounded Warriors Project, 600 River Avenue, Unit #400, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Harry's arrangements were entrusted to the Bates, Wallace and Heath Funeral Home of Middleport. To share a special memory of Harry, please visit: [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).





**JOEL PHILIP HUNKELE** - Died Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Richard M. Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home in Anderson, South Carolina at the age of 84. He was formerly a resident of Seneca, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a native of Detroit, Michigan born on January 21, 1940 to the late Joseph Leo and Buella Allison (née Hart) Hunkele. He was the husband of the late Laura (née Ross) Hunkele, of Seneca. He was a United States Air Force veteran who served in the Vietnam War. After his time in the service, Mr. Hunkele retired from International Business Machines as a computer programmer and was a member of the American Legion Post #124 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Walhalla Chapter #1017**. He was of the Catholic faith. Mr. Hunkele is survived by his son: David Glen Hunkele (Brooke); daughters: Pamela Russell, Lisa Hazlett (John), and Wendy Martinez; brother: Paul Hunkele (Linda); sisters: Kathy Sosnouski (Jim) and Faith Moser; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Hunkele was preceded in death by a brother: Dennis Hunkele. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #124, 319 Kenneth Street, Walhalla, SC 29691. The family is at their respective homes.



**COSIMO D. INCARDONA** - Died Friday, February 9, 2024 in West Seneca, New York at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on January 22, 1943 to the late Onofrio and Rose Incardona. He was the son-in-law of the late Armand and Sarah Napoli. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to the late Louise (née Napoli) Incardona; devoted father of Suzanne (née Incardona) Wolf, Michael Incardona (Lynn), and Mark Incardona (Tiffany); loving grandfather of Sarah Wolf, Michael Wolf, Patti Long, Michael Incardona, Jr., and Noelle Incardona; dear brother of Mary Lou Incardona and the late Salvatore (Sam) Incardona (Barbara); also survived by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cosimo was a graduate of Seneca Vocational High School and retired after 35 years of service with the United States Postal Service. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army where he served in Vietnam. He was an active member of the Seneca High School Alumni Association and a member of the Post Office NARFE. He was a lifetime member of the Leonard Post and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family was present from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the Urban-Amigone Funeral Home, 1024 French Road, Cheektowaga, NY. Family and friends were invited to assemble on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Fourteen Holy Helpers Church, 1345 Indian Church Road, West Seneca, NY. The interment was in Saint Matthew's Cemetery. Flowers graciously declined. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warriors Project. Share condolences on Cosimo's Tribute Page at [www.AMIGONE.com](http://www.AMIGONE.com).



**EDGAR JOSEPH "Eddie" JENSEN, JR.** - Died Friday, July 28, 2017 at Presbyterian

Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 70. He was a resident of Mooresville, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1946 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the late Edgar Joseph Jensen, Sr. and Dorothy (née Packer) Jensen. Mr. Jensen worked as a State Marshal and was a United States Army veteran. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island*. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruthy Medeiros. Mr. Jensen is survived by his wife of 30 years, Maria Ferreira Santos; children, Debbie Shearon, Edgar Jensen III, Christopher Jensen and Molly Jensen; step-children, Sandra and Benvinda Santos; brother, Earl Jensen; sisters, Donna Beland, Debbie Andrade, Sandra Dumont and Lori Jensen; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Memorial service was held at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel, Mooresville, with Deacon Joe Santen officiating. The family received friends from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517. The Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville served the family of Mr. Jensen. Condolences may be made to the Jensen family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

**ERIC WAYNE JOHNSON** – Died Thursday, February 1, 2024 in Baton, Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1953. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #852*. Visitation was on Monday, February 12, 2024 from 9:00 AM until Mass at 11:00 AM celebrated at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1120 Myrtle Walk, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The interment took place in the Louisiana National Cemetery, Zachary, Louisiana.



**MICHAEL RICHARD JONES** – Died Sunday, January 7, 2024 in Kenmore, New York at

the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on August 25, 1947. Michael was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps serving during Vietnam. He served from August 1966 to June 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77*. Beloved husband of 23 years to Ann R. (née Smith) Jones; dear father of Jennifer Jones-Slamin; stepfather of Jill (Lou) Salvo; grandpa of Michael Slamin, Sarah Bennett, Christopher Salvo and Nicholas Salvo; brother of Paul (Cass Wieber-Williams) Jones; uncle of Nicholas (Jessica) Jones; great-uncle of Jaxon Jones; also survived by his Furry Friend "Snuggles". Funeral services were private and were provided by the D. Lawrence Ginnane Funeral Home.



**ARNOLD C. KEMPER** - Died Sunday, January 28, 2024 at home in Clinton, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 16, 1945 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On April 19, 1968 he married Rosemary Blumhardt and they were blessed with 55 years together. Arnold graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963. He entered the United States Army in 1966 and was stationed in Vietnam during 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He retired from Ford Motor Company. After retirement he worked hard to have his dream of owning a farm come true which was his true passion. He enjoyed time out on the golf course. Most of all he enjoyed the time spent with all his Kempfer and Blumhardt families. Arnold was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Amy Joyce; a sister, Joyce; and two brothers, Larry and Walter. Besides his wife, Rosemary; Arnold is survived by his son, Dale Kempfer; grandson, Jeremiah Kempfer; two brothers, Lewis (Dorothy) Kempfer and Terry (Brenda) Kempfer; a sister, Kay; extended Kempfer family and many Blumhardt family members who loved him dearly. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life gathering was scheduled for a later date.



**SHANNON JOHN KENNEDY** – Died Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Williamsville, New York at the age of 81. He was a resident of Lockport, New York. The cause of death was a combination of neuropathy, urinary tract infection and a ruptured colon due to a stroke. He was born in Buffalo, New York on June 9, 1942 to the late Kenneth P. and Evelyn (née Clare) Kennedy. He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966 and was stationed near Saigon during the Vietnam War. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Buffalo State and taught Industrial Arts for 3 years. He retired in 2003 after serving for 32 years as a Niagara County Deputy Sheriff. Shannon also was a real estate broker for over 45 years and worked at Hunt Real Estate. Shannon was an active member of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Lockport where he served on the Parish Council, Building Committee, was a lector, and was on the Pastoral Care Team at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital for many years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #319 and served as a Faithful Scribe. He also became a member of the Fourth Degree. Shannon was a proud supporter of the American Legion, VFW, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. Shannon enjoyed hunting, fishing, working out, visiting Disney World, camping at Rushford and Alleghany State Park in his later years, riding a scooter around the neighborhood. His family always came first. Shannon is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia (née Leonard) Kennedy; children Kellene Morris, John (Heidi) Kennedy, and Taryn (Shaun) Reynolds; grandchildren Liam and Thomas Kennedy, Ryann Morris, and Adalynn, Amelia, and Tyler Reynolds; siblings Patricia (David) Schank, Maureen (Kent) Covey, Terrence (Laura) Kennedy, and the late Kevin Kennedy; in-laws Rosemary (late Peter) McQueen and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends visited on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 PM at the

Prudden and Kandt Funeral Home, 242 Genesee Street, Lockport. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at All Saints Parish, 76 Church Street, Lockport. The interment was in the Cold Springs Cemetery. Donations to DeSales Catholic School would be appreciated by the family. Visit [pruddenandkandt.com](http://pruddenandkandt.com).

**GRAYDON GENE KIMBROUGH** (USA, CPT-Ret.) – Died Friday, February 9, 2018 of North Potomac, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 14, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Marcia Kimbrough who died Monday, November 13, 2023; loving father of Christine Kimbrough (Dave), Bret Kimbrough (Mayellen), Pam Fares (Olaf), and James Hoffmann (Rochelle); brother of Terry Kimbrough and Alexis Ayers; grandfather of Andy Hoffmann, Val, Steph and Jen Cyphers, Kyle Hoffmann, Nora Kimbrough-Perry, Maya Fares, Lillian Harte Kimbrough, Jill Steinbruegge and the late Graydon Kimbrough-Perry. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. Graveside services and interment were held at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, 11301 Crane Highway, Cheltenham, MD on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his name to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, <https://vva.org/donate>.



**DENNIS F. "Denny" KINNEY** (USAF, SSgt-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 22, 2024 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, Wisconsin at the age of 92. He was formerly of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Green Bay on May 12, 1931 to the late Daniel and Gladys (née Denis) Kinney. After graduating from Saint Philip Catholic Grade School and Central Catholic High School, Dennis enlisted in the United States Army serving in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division from 1948 to 1952, and in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1969, retiring in 1969 as a Staff Sgt. He served honorably in both the Korean War and Vietnam War. He had been stationed in the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa throughout his deployments. Dennis was proud to have chauffeured President Eisenhower and many generals and dignitaries during his time of service. He proudly retired from the military after 21 years of service to his country. He then joined GTE in Chicago until his father's death in 1982, when he decided to retire and care for his mother in Green Bay. Dennis remained passionate about Veterans' causes and was a member of 44 Veteran and Non-Profit Organizations. He was most proud of his service to the Disabled American Veterans. He would volunteer his time to drive veterans to their medical appointments. He felt strongly about helping them get the medical care that they needed and deserved. Another great organization for him was Rolling Thunder Wisconsin Chapter 3, which brings recognition to the POW/MIAs of all past and present wars and supports all veterans and their families. They made regular visits to Denny and donated to the Activity Fund for King. He loved their visits with all the parade motorcycles. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. Denny was very proud of his Irish heritage, a Packer stock

holder, an honorary member and supporter of the UWGB Dance Team, an usher for St. Philip Parish and a member of the honor guard for veterans' funerals. He was proud to serve in many organizations in the Green Bay area. Denny spent the last eight years living in the Veterans Home at King. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at King and made many friends there with the residents and staff. He spent many hours doing puzzles, bowling, playing Bingo, card games and dice games. He also enjoyed carving and painting cars, Packer helmets and many other items. He never wanted to miss an activity. The staff at King took excellent care of Denny. He enjoyed them and they enjoyed him. His family is very grateful to them for the care and love that he received there. He is survived by a brother Calvin (Gerry) Kinney of New York and a sister, Kathi (John) Heezen, Green Bay; two godchildren, Paul (Bev) Murray and Angel (Dale) Charapata; numerous nieces and nephews that he so loved. Denny was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Colleen (Kenneth) Murray, Gloria (Gerald Jorgensen) (John Shea) Jorgensen-Shea and Lone (Jim McGrath) (Floyd Smith) McGrath-Smith; a brother Michael (Carlene) Kinney; nephews and a niece, Steve Kinney, Amanda Kinney, Joe Kinney, Mark McGrath and Patrick McGrath. Visitation was from 9:00 to 10:45 AM on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 312 Victoria Street, Green Bay. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday at the church. Full Military Honors completed the services. The funeral mass was livestreamed on the Proko-Wall facebook page. He was laid to rest at the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in King, WI. To honor Denny's memory, please make a contribution to your favorite veteran organization. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com).



**CHARLES R. "Charlie" KOBES, SR.** - Died Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Sanford University of South Dakota Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 73. He was a resident of Mitchell, South Dakota. The cause of death was complications from a heart attack. He was born at Saint Joseph Hospital in Mitchell on October 26, 1950 to the late Robert and Edmonia (née Greene) Kobes. Charlie graduated from MHS (Mitchell High School) in 1968. After high school, Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy. He served from 1968 to 1972 and served three of the years in Vietnam. After his active duty, Charlie continued his service in the National Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. Charlie was united in marriage to Wanda (née Strand) Kobes on February 26, 1977, after 4 months of dating, and to this union was children, Karlie, Kristie, Charlie "Chuck", Jr., and Natalie. Charlie worked at Mitchell Concrete, Commercial Bank for 20 years, and then the DOT for 10 years before retiring. Charlie was active in the local car show community, Outkast Club. He enjoyed taking his mistress (his 1969 Chevy Chevelle) to many car shows. He loved tinkering in the garage with woodworking, welding, etc.; you name he'd fix or build it. He enjoyed being an outdoors man camping, fishing, hunting, and boating. Most of all he loved spending time with family, especially attending his grandkids' sporting events. Charlie always had a joke and was never afraid to speak

his mind. He loved his food and was not afraid to tell you if it wasn't very good. Charlie is survived by his lovely wife, Wanda; daughters, Karlie Kobes, Kristie (Victor Sr.) Contreras, and Natalie Kobes; son, Charlie "Chuck", Jr. (Steph) Kobes; grandchildren, Ahnna, Kaden, Victor Jr. Riley, Peyton, Tyson, Avery, Kameron, and Wyatt; brother, Larry (Colleen) Kobes of Minot, ND; and his four legged companion service dog, Mia. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Pat and Karen. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Moose Lodge in Mitchell. The burial was in Servicemen's Memorial Cemetery in Mitchell. Visitation hours were held on Friday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Bittner Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.



**THOMAS BARNEY KOLAKOWSKI, JR.** - Died Friday, February 23, 2024 in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 80. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on January 23, 1944 to the late Thomas Barney Kolakowski, Sr. and Margaret Kolakowski. He leaves behind his wife Maria, three children: Kelly (Kevin Wright), Thomas (Alika), Nancy (Robert Wisler); six grandchildren: Victoria (Devante Woods), Rachael, Gage, Jack, Luke and Austin, along with two great-grandchildren: Logan and Ja'Kai, Siblings: Kenneth (Micheal) and Mary Margaret (George Lindenberg) and nieces and nephews. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Margaret Kolakowski, sister Nancy Fogarty and grandson Jakob Kolakowski. Thomas grew up in Wyandotte, MI with his three siblings Nancy, Kenneth and Mary Margaret. Thomas is a Veteran of the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale (Florida) Chapter #23**. Thomas began working at Firestone, and eventually retired from Chrysler. Thomas enjoyed camping with his family and eventually carried his love of camping to his grandchildren. He loved sitting around campfires and having funny conversations. Thomas adored being a husband, parent, grandparent and great grandparent. He has left many meaningful and happy memories for those who knew and loved him that will last their lifetimes. His friends and family will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Thomas had a sense of humor and could find humor in the most mundane life circumstances. Thomas' personality was contagious to everyone he met. He could bring a smile to your face and laugh along at you and with you. He had a great sense of humor, and he had many stories to tell of his adventurous life that will live on.



**RALPH FRANK KOLB** - Died Wednesday, February 7, 2024 of Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 77. He was formerly of Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was

born in Detroit on August 28, 1946 to the late Edward and Olga Kolb. Ralph served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a very active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154** and served in the Honor Guard for Vietnam Veterans Chapter #154. Ralph enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his friends through Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Ralph also enjoyed watching the cars race at the Motor City Speedway. He was an award winning Ballroom dancer and bowled on several leagues. Ralph even had a collection of first place medals for Senior Olympics in Wii bowling. Ralph is survived by his siblings, Edward Kolb of Mia Loma, CA and Linda Lee of Clinton Township, MI; his nephews and niece, Edward (Jennifer) Kolb of Riverside, CA, Tammy (Kenneth) Genzer of Alta Loma, CA, Robert (Christina) Kolb of Upland, CA, Daniel (Sarah) Kolb of Apple Valley, CA, Donald Gunter of Richmond; his great-nieces and great-nephews; and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward & Olga Kolb; an infant brother David; and a niece Linda Gunter. A visitation for Ralph was held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 1:00 until a 3:00 PM funeral service with Military Honors at the Kaul Funeral Home, 35201 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI. The burial was at the White Chapel Memorial Park, Troy, MI. If you are unable to attend Ralph's services in person- please join via Zoom. Topic: Ralph Kolb Funeral Service and Military Honors. Time: February 17, 2024 at 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93458517702?pwd=TVpzYU5NV0VqN2wzVlpvR3A1TDF3Zz09>.



**PAUL JOSEPH KNOWLES** – Died Sunday, January 28, 2024 in Brooksville, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Jersey on November 19, 1943 to the late William and Madelyn Knowles. Paul is predeceased by his parents William and Madelyn Knowles, brother William Jr., mother-in-Law Catherine B. “Mom” Stephens, and Patricia Stephens Knowles. Paul is survived by his loving wife Denise Knowles, and his daughters and spouses. Marie and John Rosenfeld, Carol, and Joe Schengrund. And his grandchildren Joe Schengrund III, and wife Rebecca. Eric Schengrund U. S. Marine Corps, Anna Schengrund, Kyle, Sean, and Alexa Rosenfeld and great-grandson Graham Schengrund. Siblings Sara “Sally” Knowles, Joseph, and Kathleen. Sisters-in-law, Cathy Kane and Janet Stephens. Niece and nephew Jennifer Kane, and John Kane. As well as other nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Paul was a pillar of Wall township and surrounding towns, known by many, loved by all. He served as a volunteer firefighter in West Belmar and served as Chief of the department. An instructor at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Retired from JCP&L as a Lineman and Layout technician. He served in the United States Army, did a tour of Vietnam, and member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. Paul is remembered by many as fun loving guy from home parties with family. He enjoyed going to the racetrack with Cathy and Denis Kane “COME ON DUCK” (a horse that he bet on and won). Wet downs and celebrating with the local fire departments. New Year’s Day firehouse hopping. Fishing and waterskiing on “Sweet Poly” mom’s boat in the Shark River. Partying on Belmar docks with friends. To some he

was a big, rugged man, to others a gentle giant with a big heart. Till we meet again... Love you!!! A celebration of life to be announced in the future in Wall, N.J. Please (use the hyperlink) and share your fond memories of Paul on the website: <https://www.brewerfuneral.com/obituaries/obituary-listings#1>. Enter the name Paul J Knowles to share your stories and read other stories.



**FREDERICK JOHNSON "Fred" LAVALLIE, SR.** (USAF, CPT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 16, 2024 at his home in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 84, surrounded by his loving family. Fred was born on June 13, 1939 in New London, Connecticut to the late Florence Lavallie and raised in Providence, Rhode Island. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 24 years. He received his Bachelor Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Economics and a Master's Degree from Chapman College in Orange, California in Correctional Counseling. During his career in the Air Force, he was awarded numerous Meritorious Service Medals, Air Force Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal (Vietnam), and other awards and decorations. Fred retired as Captain Personnel Staff Officer in 1980 and moved to Alexandria, where he worked in private industry and for the State of Louisiana and retired finally in 2005. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131**. Fred deeply loved his family and there were no ends to what he would do for them. He was his family's protector and advisor and will be missed and loved forever by his family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence LaVallie; granddaughter, Sandy LaVallie; and great-grandsons, Gage LaVallie and Eric Gordon. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 68 years, Shirley J. LaVallie; children, Cheryl Dauzat (David), Frederick J. LaVallie, Jr., and Cora L. Tassin (Phillip); five grandchildren, Christopher Dauzat, Jonathan LaVallie, Zachary LaVallie, Brittany Tassin, Haley Tassin; great-grandchildren, Briahna Gordon and Parker Adams. The visitation was held on Friday, March 22, 2024 at the Gallagher Funeral Home from 12:00 Noon until the time of service. The service began at 1:00 PM in the Chapel with interment with full Honors in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

**ROBERT ELLIOT "Bob" LEE** (USA, MSG-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Prescott Veterans Hospital, Prescott Valley, Arizona at the age of 86. He was a resident of Prescott Valley. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Beach, California on December 28, 1937 to the late Leo C. and Dorothy (née Wakefield) Lee. Robert retired from the United States Army after 23 years of service. During his years of service, he was stationed in Korea, Vietnam, Berlin, and multiple aboard and state side tours. After his retirement from the Army he went on to work for the State of Indiana Department of Corrections. Robert was corrections officer, where he retired after 15 years of service. He was a member of The VFW Post #10227, NRA, and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Arizona**. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Denise Lee and brother Leo Lee, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 23 years Jo Ann Lee, sister Sharon Christiansen, brother Howard Lee, daughters Katie Cook, Ashley



Elgassas, along with multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As per Robert's request, no funeral or memorial service was held. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the VFW Post.



**DENNIS DEAN LOVE** - Died Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at his home in Milton, Wisconsin at the age of 77, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born in Edgerton, Wisconsin on August 8, 1946 to the late David and Marguerite (Peggy née Splitter) Love. He graduated from Edgerton High School in 1964. He attended college at UW River Falls studying Biology until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January of 1967. Dennis married the love of his life Sandra Lynn Murwin on January 21, 1967. They just celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary with their family and friends. Dennis was inducted in the Marine Corps on January 30, 1967 and proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1971. He was an Aviation electronics electrician and served with HMH-462 squadron, New River Air Station Jacksonville, NC. Dennis went to Phu-Bai, Vietnam, June 26, 1969. He was with the 1st Marine Airwing as an electrician on CH-53A helicopters until he returned stateside. Dennis was a Master Electrician for Westphal Electric in Janesville for 36 years until he retired. Dennis enjoyed fishing, hunting, following the Badgers, Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers. He enjoyed going to his favorite place, the family cabin up north in Barnes, Wisconsin. Dennis was a longtime active member of Saint Mary Church of Milton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. Dennis is survived by his wife, Sandy Love of Milton, WI, five children, son Todd (April) Evert, Bloomington, MN, daughter Dawn (Robert) Ahnen of Beloit, WI, son Dennis (Tina) Love of Edgerton, WI, daughter Anne (Tim) Schumacher of Milton, WI, son Christopher (Renee) Love of Pewaukee, WI, 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren. Brother David (Bonnie) Love CA, brother Donald (Mary) Love WI, brother Mike (Cindy) Love, WI. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents David and Peggy Love, brother John Love, in-laws George and Caryl Murwin, brother-in-law George Murwin, 2 grandchildren, George, Bonnie and Georgene Evert. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the Albrecht Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 828 South Janesville Street, Milton WI with military rites afterwards. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until time of service at the funeral home. In-lieu of flowers please donate to Wisconsin wounded warriors, In memory of Dennis D. Love. <http://woundedwarriorsunitedwi.org>. Special thanks to Stacy Gransee, Veterans Affairs, Bright Star and Rainbow Hospice for their support and services. For online condolences, please visit [www.albrechtfuneralhomes.com](http://www.albrechtfuneralhomes.com).

**BLANCHE M. (née Turner) SPROUT-LUCAS** – Died Monday, February 5, 2024 under the care of Niagara Hospice in Lockport, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on November 7, 1945 in Lockport to the late Stewart and Blanche (née Miller) Turner. Blanche worked for Harrison Radiator in production. She volunteered with local veteran's organizations, enjoyed going to church functions, and collecting antique dolls. Blanche was a Gold Star Wife with her first husband, Richard M. Sprout, who was KIA in Vietnam. She

was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. Blanche was predeceased by her husband William Lucas. Blanche is survived by her daughters Rebecca (Dan) Human and BillieJo (Sam) Vella; grandchildren Roman, Gianna, Henry, and Harper; brothers Albert Turner and the late Stewart Turner; friend Richard Wheeler. Private services were held at the convenience of the family.



**MICHAEL L. LYALL** – Died Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Baptist Health Palliative/Hospice in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 70. He was a resident of Louisville. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Abingdon, Virginia on February 8, 1954. He received excellent care from their team. A special heartfelt thank you goes to Dr. V. Singh, Oncologist of Baptist Health along with his staff. He retired from the United States Army with honors. He established many close relationships with active and retired service members. He served on the executive board at American Legion Post #244, and a member of the 100<sup>th</sup> Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He loved his Antique cars, and was a member of several Clubs. He was employed with the Louisville Metro Housing Authority for 35 years, and considered them part of his family. He is survived by his loving wife Suzanne of 24 years, along with two sisters Melinda Lyon (Dana), and Diana Murphy, nephews Scotty (Kelsey), Matthew, and Aaron, nieces Ashlee, Heather, Sarina, Andrea, and their mother (Kathy). Aunts Seader, Opal and Mildred. A Celebration of Life was held at the American Legion Post #244 (very casual dress), 3408 College Drive Louisville, KY on April 20, 2024 from 2:00–5:00 PM.



**JAMES T. "Jim" MAHER** - Died Sunday, March 3, 2024 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey at the age of 79, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey to the late James T. and May E. Maher. He is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Kathy (née Holligan) Maher; three daughters: Jennifer Shea (Kevin), Carolyn Miller (Brett), and Alana Witkowski (Mike); nine grandchildren: Casey, Ryan, Hannah, Brady, Molly, Shane, Dylan, Grace, and James; and three sisters: Marie McKeown, Kathie Cocca, and Jeannie Snider; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Claire Maher. Jim attended Saint Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark and Saint Peter's College in Jersey City. He enrolled in ROTC at Saint Peter's College and graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Later, Jim earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Long Island University. Upon graduation from Saint Peter's College in 1965, Jim was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery for the United States Army. He attended Officer's Basic Course in Fort Bliss, TX. He served a tour in Korea and a tour in Vietnam, and at the young age of 23, Jim was promoted to the rank of Captain. In 1967, Jim was the lone Army officer stationed at the

Palermo Air Force Station in Somers Point, NJ, earning him the nickname “the ugly duckling.” It was during this time he met his future brother-in-law, Bill Holligan. Bill introduced Jim to his sister Kathy, who would become the love of Jim’s life. Although their love story started with the slamming of a door, Jim and Kathy’s relationship was a model of love and commitment for over five decades. During his years of service, Jim was awarded the following decorations and honors: National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Air Medal 1<sup>st</sup> OLC with “V” Device; Air Medal Bronze Star Medal; One Overseas Bar; and a Second Overseas Bar. On Aug 26, 1969, Jim was honorably discharged from the United States Army. He served his country well and was proud to be an American. A true patriot, Jim flew the American flag outside his home every day of his life. Jim entered duty with FBI on October 19, 1970 in Greenville, South Carolina. After a short stay, he was assigned to the FBI’s New York office in 1971, where he worked in the Organized Crime Division. Five years later, in 1977, Jim transferred to the FBI’s Philadelphia office, where he would stay for the remainder of his storied career. In Philadelphia, Jim was again assigned to investigations targeting local organized crime. Promoted to Supervisor in 1992, he became the first Supervisor of the Fugitive Task Force, a squad organized to apprehend the most dangerous of fugitives in Philadelphia. In 1993, he was assigned to supervise the Special Operations Group, whose primary duty was to conduct discrete physical and photographic surveillance in support of all investigative programs of the Philadelphia office. In 1994, Jim returned to the Organized Crime squad as its supervisor. His FBI career spanned 31 years, throughout which time he served his community and dedicated himself to the preservation of justice. During his tenure as an investigator and a supervisor, Jim testified as an expert before the United States Senate and in the United States District Courts in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as the Districts of New Jersey and Massachusetts. He retired in June 2001 as a Supervisory Special Agent and was inducted into the International Police Association Hall of Fame. In retirement, Jim continued his passion for civic duty. He volunteered on the USS New Jersey (BB-62) Museum and Memorial for 22 years alongside other veterans and friends. He participated in Honor Flight and accompanied several World War II, Korea, and Vietnam Veterans to the war memorials in Washington, DC. For the last 17 years, he was an active volunteer and then Chairman for Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert H. Yancey, Sr. Stand Down of South Jersey, an organization that provides homeless and at-risk veterans with a multitude of services. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. Jim’s happiest moments in life were spent those with family and friends. He loved family vacations in North Carolina, hosting friends on the porch, dinner parties with Gourmet group, lunches after the Ship, meetings of the World Affairs Council, Sibling Dinners, and holidays shared with family. Although Jim was very proud of his Military service and his FBI career, there is no doubt his proudest accomplishment was his family. Jim and Kathy set their roots in Cherry Hill, NJ, and together built a life grounded in their love for one another and their devotion to their three daughters. He provided, protected, and loved unconditionally. The front door was always open to family and friends, and Jim was always ready with a cold drink and a story to share. Through the years, Jim welcomed three sons-in-law to the family, whom he truly loved as though they were his own. In addition to “Dad,” perhaps his favorite name was that of “Pop,” a distinction he first earned in 2004. He loved his nine grandchildren beyond measure; his was their favorite lap for stories and they were the living example of his belief that the more love you give, the more you have to give. Jim will be remembered as a loving family man, a true

American patriot, a man of great faith, and a treasured friend. He was, and will continue to be, adored by his family. Relatives and friends were invited to the visitation on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Bradley Funeral Home, Route 73 and Evesham Road, Marlton, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, NJ. The interment was at Jesus, Bread of Life Cemetery, 3055 Fostertown Road, Mount Laurel, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Casey's Companions, 5724 Ricky's Ridge Trail, Orefield, PA 18069 (<https://www.caseydoolinfoundation.org/>) or to Stand Down of South Jersey, Inc. SFC Robert H. Yancey, Sr. Stand Down, P.O. Box 2612, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (<https://www.standdownsouthjersey.org/>).



**ROGER P. MAZIKOWSKI** - Died Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in 77Amherst, New York at the age of 77. He was formerly of Eggerstville, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on March 29, 1946. He was the dear father of Laura Mazikowski (Roger Amory), Rachel Mazikowski and the late Roger (Emily) Mazikowski; grandpa Roger to Eliza, Connor and Sophia; brother of Wayne Mazikowski, Adrienne "Dee" Saraceno and Brian Mazikowski; survived by nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Friends visited on Sunday from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Perna Dengler Roberts Funeral Home, 1671 Maple Road, Williamsville where a Celebration of Roger's Life was held on Sunday at 12:00 Noon. Flowers gratefully declined, memorials in Roger's name may be made to the Eggertsville Hose Benevolent Association, 1880 Eggert Road, Amherst, NY 14226. Roger was a retiree of the Town of Amherst and a 59-year member of the Eggertsville Hose Company. Online condolences to [denglerrobertspernafuneral.com](http://denglerrobertspernafuneral.com).

**DONALD CECIL "Don" McCARTY** - Died Friday, May 12, 2023 at his home in Newark, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Herbert and Virginia (née Ratliff) McCarty. Don served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as maintenance mechanic and boiler operator at Kroger Bakery in Columbus for over 30 years. He enjoyed listening to oldies "goodies" music and admiring cars. He loved visiting his home in Tennessee and fishing on the lake. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ruth (née Veyon) McCarty; children, Michelle (David) Martin, Donald L. (Shelly) McCarty, and April (Jason) Woodman; grandchildren, David, Morgan, Katie, Grant, and Wesley; great grandchildren, Mayson and Max; and brother, Herbert McCarty. Memorial contributions may be made in Don's memory to a charity of donor's choice. Visitation was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Brucker and Kishler funeral Home, 985 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Newark, where a celebration of life service followed at 4:00 PM. A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Cedar Hill Cemetery where military honors were presented by the

Licking County Veterans Alliance. To sign an online guestbook, please visit [www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.brucker-kishlerfuneralhome.com).



**DAVID BRANT McGUIGAN** (USN, CPT-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2023 in Haddonfield, New Jersey at the age of 90. The cause of death was ALS-Lou Gehrig’s disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 1, 1932. He was a decorated United States Navy veteran and native Philadelphian, lived a life of service to family, God, and country. A deeply religious and conscientious man, his untiring devotion to whatever cause he championed impressed all those who knew “the Captain.” David attended Saint Stanislaus Elementary School and Southeast Catholic High School in South Philadelphia. In 1948, David found excuses to hang out at a Second Street shoe store operated by Uncle Bill where 14-year-old Kathleen Cosgrove worked, thus beginning a 75-year love affair. On June 8, 1957, David married the love of his life, Koshie, and so began their 65-year union. Through a life filled overwhelmingly with love, the pair became the inseparable Kosh and Dave. They were blessed with four children, David Jr, Francis, Kathleen, and Paul. During 27 years of service to the United States Navy, David distinguished himself as a submariner, engineer, and inspirational leader. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with distinction in 1957 and earned advanced naval engineering degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As a lieutenant, he served aboard the USS Albacore (AGSS-569), an experimental submarine. In 1972, he volunteered for duty as a Senior Naval Advisor to the Republic of South Vietnam. He was the Repair Officer on the submarine tender USS Holland (AS-32). His final tour was as Commanding Officer of Naval Ship Systems Engineering Station in Philadelphia. He guided its evolution into the engineering and economic engine it is today. His worldwide exploits earned him numerous military decorations including the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star for Combat Valor; Navy Commendation Medal; Military Star of Merit (Republic of Chile); the Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class; and the Cross of Gallantry (Republic of Vietnam). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. David left naval service in 1984 and worked as Executive Vice President at NDI Systems Engineering Company and Corporate Technical Director at QED System. However, a part of “The Captain” never left the Navy. As president of the Home Port Alliance, he spearheaded the initiative to establish a battleship New Jersey WWII memorial and ship museum on the banks of the Delaware River with the goal of revitalizing the city of Camden. So, the Jersey (BB-62) sailed to Camden, where she now rests, the most decorated battleship in United States history. In 1990, he collected another degree, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in geology. In retirement, David directed his energy to a variety of intellectual pursuits and served as sage and mentor to an ever-expanding family. He expounded on any and every subject, sometimes in earnest, but more often in jest, and always with a staggering breadth of knowledge and boundless curiosity. At times he retreated to his captain’s quarters, researching, and writing on diverse topics including the Greek resistance in WWII, Ernest Hemingway, and Marguerite Duras. “The Captain” most often expressed himself by doing for others. Whatever the occasion

or crisis he was always there. David will be remembered by all who knew him for his roguish wit, razor-sharp mind, and notorious sweet tooth. David is survived by his wife Kathleen; their children and spouses, David and Valerie, Francis, Paul and Michele, and his son-in-law Antonis Papadourakis (husband of his beloved daughter Kathleen who passed away in 2018 from ALS); his thirteen grandchildren (Manon, Shannon, Kieran, Grigorios, David, Antonis, Anlon, Louis, Brant, Andreas, Henri, Harrison, and Aidan); and three great-grandchildren (Evelyne, Claire, and Violet). A visitation was held from 9:30AM -11:00AM on February 11, 2023 at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Haddonfield, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Preparations were made for David's burial at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American ALS Society or the charity of your choice.



**JUDY CAROL MEINHARDT** - Died Thursday, February 8, 2024 in Port Huron, Michigan at the age of 84. She was formerly of Smiths Creek, Michigan. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born on January 11, 1940 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to the late Oreilus "Curley" and Mable Rivard. She married Richard Meinhardt on September 6, 1975 in Port Huron. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #1083**. Judy is survived by her husband of 48 years, Richard; two sons, Paul Genaw (Kim Kramp) and Steve Meinhardt; son-in-law, Mike Kenney; four grandchildren, Mickey Kenney, Richard Kenney (Jennifer Torres), Becky (Brian) Mericle and Ron Genaw; five great-grandchildren, Jayden Paeth, Mahala Kenney, Kylie Mericle, Owen Mericle and Richard Kenney Jr; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two children, Dawn Kenney and Dickie Genaw; three brothers, Oreles "Peanut", Thomas and Paul Rivard; and two sisters, Dorothy Coumans and Elizabeth Hanson. No services were scheduled. The inurnment was in the Riverlawn Cemetery, Marysville. The funeral arrangements were made by the Marysville Funeral Home. To send condolences, visit [marysvillefuneralhome.com](http://marysvillefuneralhome.com).

**GREGORY M. MIKOLEY** – Died Saturday, February 17, 2024 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Green Bay on August 6, 1948. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**.



**ELBERT TIMOTHY "Tim" MOORE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in Barnwell, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on November 18, 1946 in Augusta, Georgia to the late Elbert Timothy Moore, Sr. and Ann (née

Foy) Moore. His grandparents were Rufus Richmond Moore, Alda Sauls Moore, John Watkins Foy, and Mary Schumpert Foy. He graduated from Barnwell High School, attended Wofford College, and received his B.A., M.A.T., and J.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina. He served in the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade of the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968-69. He coached football at Lower Richland High School, Barnwell High School, Socastee High School, Blackville-Hilda High School, and Furman University. His teams at Blackville-Hilda High compiled a record of 81-10-1 in his seven seasons there, winning state championships in 1983 and 1984. He also coached baseball at Lower Richland, Socastee, and Blackville-Hilda. He coached in the North-South All Star Football game in 1983 and the Shrine Bowl in 1984. In addition to his coaching duties, he served as Principal of Blackville Elementary School. He retired from coaching in 1986 and entered law school at the University of South Carolina. After clerking for a circuit judge, he established the Moore Law Firm in Barnwell where he practiced until his death. He was also in partnership with his father in Moore and Moore Cows, a cattle operation in Snelling. He was a member of Barnwell United Methodist Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**, Barnwell Rotary Club, Ellenton Agricultural Club, the S.C. Association for Justice, the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Democratic Party, and a life member of the S.C. PTSA. He was a former chairman of the State Board of Education and a former chairman of the Barnwell County Council. He is survived by his wife, Frances (née Scott) Turner Moore; sons Richmond Turner Moore and wife Parker and Edward Foy Moore; grandchildren Eliza Brent Turner Moore, Richmond Thomas Moore, William Turner Moore, and Graydon Foy Moore; and a number of cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Hawks Hit Harder Scholarship Fund at Blackville-Hilda High School or the Salkehatchie V. V. A. Veterans Park Fund. Memorials may be mailed to Post Office Box 160, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812. Visitation was held on Friday, February 23, 2024 at the home at 15000 Dunbarton Boulevard, Snelling, SC from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Barnwell United Methodist Church at 3:00 PM. A graveside service was held at the Seven Pines Baptist Church Cemetery in Snelling, SC. The service was live-streamed on Mole Funeral Home's Facebook page.



**KENNETH ROBERT “Kenny Blue Eyes” MOSHER, SR.** - Died Monday, February 26, 2024 at Sumter Place in The Villages, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Ken was born on April 24, 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Hugh Mosher and Elizabeth (née Adams) Mosher. Kenny moved to The Villages, Florida 15 years ago from Aurora, Ohio. He was a Christian and a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood. He was extremely active and belonged to The American Legion of Lady Lake, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**, Masonic Lodge of Wildwood, Sons of the American Revolution, Single Action Shooting Society and a member of The North – South Skirmish Association. He was a retired Group President and in charge of the Personal Computer Division for the LDI Company in Ohio. He was a proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force.

Kenny is survived by his loving sons: Ken Mosher, Jr., and his wife Laurie of The Villages, FL, Don Mosher and his wife Kirsten of Manahawkin, NJ and Kevin Mosher and his wife Theresa of Sitka, AK; a brother: John Mosher of The Villages, FL; sister: Tisha Downer and her husband Allen of Thorndike, ME; nine loving grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. A Visitation was held on Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Banks, Page-Theus Funeral Home Chapel, Wildwood with a Prayer Service at 4:30 PM. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Wildwood, Florida. Online condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspagetheus.com](http://www.bankspagetheus.com). The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations.



**EUGENE J. MURPHY** - Died Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 5, 1935 to the late Daniel and Margaret (née Regnault) Murphy. Growing up in the Old Hill neighborhood, he attended Holy Family Grammar School and graduated from Cathedral High School. He worked at Bond Bread Bakery before entering the United States Army. He served as a mortar man in the infantry, obtaining the rank of Sergeant. Following basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he was stationed at Camp Casey, Republic of Korea and Fort Hood, Texas and locally in the Reserves. After his service he was employed as a sheet metal worker at Standard Time until his retirement. Never forgetting his connection to service, he was a decades long member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion, which he represented in many Holyoke Saint Patrick's Day parades and wreath laying ceremonies at the Holyoke Korean War Memorial. Well into his 80's he served on the Honor Guard Rifle Team for the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Agawam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111*. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1957, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight and served on the Bishop's Honor Guard. He was a Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Sacrament Church and the Veterans Home at Holyoke. He supported the Dominican Monastery of West Springfield, the Passionate Brothers of West Springfield, The Trappist Monastery of Spencer, The Benedictine Monastery of Pelham and the Sisters of St Joseph. He is survived by his nephews Brian Murphy of Skillman, New Jersey and Kevin Murphy of Springfield and their families. Eugene was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Catherine "Kay" Murphy (Murphy) and brothers Richard and Daniel Murphy. Eugene will always be remembered as a well-loved, caring man with a zest for life, a love of music and dance and for visiting Cracker Barrel one too many times. Eugene's family extends their warmest thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Holyoke Veterans Home for their kindness and outstanding care given their uncle over the many years of his residency. The funeral was held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM from the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1945 Northampton Street. Burial with Military Honors took place in Saint Jerome Cemetery. Visitation in the funeral home was on Friday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Eugene to the Dominican Monastery of the Mother of God, 1430 Riverdale



Street, West Springfield, MA 01089 or to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, 577 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.



**GEORGE HENRY NASH** - Died Sunday, January 14, 2024 in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 26, 194, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Dennis Nash, Sr. and Dorothy (née Eberly) Nash. He was the loving husband of Jacqueline for 28 wonderful years; dear Father of Marjorie Gerndt, Bonnie (Will) Lovelace, Suzanne (Greg) Sublett, Shawn Nash, and Richard (Alix) Heinz; proud grandfather of nineteen; great-grandfather of six. He served his country proudly for 20 years in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. George was an avid sports fan. He was a longtime season ticket holder for the Detroit Tigers. A visitation was held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Coats Funeral Home-Waterford from 4:00-8:00 PM. The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.



**CHARLES LEIGH “Nick” NICKERSON** (USAF, TSGT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 28, 2023 in Seven Lakes, North Carolina at the age of 82. He was a resident of West End, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1941 in Presque Isle, Maine to the late Ralph L. Nickerson and Audrey (née Smith) Nickerson-Lannigan. He graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1960 and later attended the University of Maryland, European Campus. Following graduation from high school, he served 20 years in the United States Air Force as a Communications Operations Officer, retiring as a Technical Sergeant in 1980. His decorations include: Joint Service Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam - Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with four Campaign Stars. Other awards were: Outstanding Unit Award with V “Valor” Device and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Overseas Ribbon - Short Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Overseas Ribbon - Long Tour with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Longevity Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters, USAF NCE PME Graduate Ribbon, and Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Known to co-workers as “Nick,” his tours of duty included San Antonio, Texas; Northeast Cape Air Force Station on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska; 1989th Communications Group at Torrejon Air Base, at Madrid, Spain; 6917<sup>th</sup> Security Group at McGuire AB in New Jersey; 6924<sup>th</sup> SS at Da Nang Air Base, Vietnam; 6916<sup>th</sup> Security Squadron at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany; National Security Agency (NSA) at Fort Meade, MD; at the 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Communication and Control Squadron flying on the National Emergency

Airborne Command Post, at Andrews Air Force Base, MD; 6916<sup>th</sup> Electronic Security Squadron at Hellenikon Air Base, Athens, Greece; and the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. After retiring from the USAF, he continued serving as a Telecommunications Officer at the National Security Agency, for another 13 years before retirement in 1993. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. He is survived by his wife, Cherryl (Buck) Nickerson of Seven Lakes, NC; a son, Randy Nickerson and his wife, Disa, of Anchorage, AK; a daughter, Deborah Fowler and her husband, James, of Potomac, MD; a granddaughter, Cherryl Salzman and her husband, Brock, of Las Vegas, NV; two grandsons, Patrick Fowler and wife, Amy, of Silver Spring, MD and William Fowler of New York, NY, and two great grand-daughters, Ava and Lily Salzman of Las Vegas, NV. Charles leaves a sister, Paula Fugal and brother-in-law, Dale, of Chiefland, FL; and a brother, Myron, of Florida. He was predeceased by his parents and by a brother, Edwin Nickerson, of Presque Isle, ME. His passions included gardening, sports, and service to community, along with his wife, Cherryl, and traveling to interesting places. They especially enjoyed traveling while stationed in Europe and subsequently enjoyed a trip to the Holyland. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst. Following the service, Charles was interred at Seven Lakes Cemetery in a family service with military honors. A livestream of the services was available on the tribute wall of his obituary at [www.bolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.bolesfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the 6924<sup>th</sup> Heritage Association, 1315 Belclaire, San Antonio, TX 78258, marked for the “PWA Scholarship Fund” to support ROTC scholarships at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. The funeral services were entrusted to the Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.



**MICHAEL S. “Mike” OAKEY** - Died Monday, January 29, 2024 in Freedom, Pennsylvania at the age of 78. He was formerly of Economy, Pennsylvania and Beaver, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1945 in Las Vegas, Nevada to the late Thomas and Babette Oakey. Mike was a 1963 graduate of Carmel High School, CA, going on to study History and Aerospace Studies at Oregon State where he commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 12½ years, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. Following his discharge from the military, Mike began a long career as a pilot, first with Eastern Airlines for 16 years, and then for another 15 with the former USAir, now American Airlines. After retirement he had moved to Jacksonville, Florida with Martha where they had lived 16 years before returning home to Beaver County. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland Chapter #862**, VFW, Air Force Association, Distinguished Flying Cross Society, and the Airline Pilots Association. Mike will be greatly missed by his wife of 29 years, Martha (née Wolf) Oakey; son, John (Kristi) Oakey, and grandchildren, Blake, Brady (Maddie), Trinity, Alivia, Kaleb, and Kinley Oakey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen Russell. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday February 16, 2024 at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Saints Peter and

Paul Church, 200 Third Street, Beaver, PA at 11:30 AM followed by the inurnment at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road, Bridgeville PA, with Full Military Rites at 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mike can be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, Attn: Development Office, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023, or Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Saints Peter and Paul Church, 200 Third Street, Beaver, PA 15009.

**TIMOTHY DALE O'BRIEN** – Died Thursday, October 5, 2023 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on March 11, 1955. He served in the United States Army from April 11, 1967 to March 31, 1970 with a tour of duty in Germany. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**.

**JOHN JOSEPH “Jack” O’NEILL** – Died Thursday, February 15, 2024 in Horsham, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 6, 1948. He served in the United States Army from October 25, 1967 to June 21, 1970 with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.



**DR. JOSEPH ARTHUR “Joe” OLESKE, JR., DDS** – Died Friday, January 27, 2023 in Brick, New Jersey at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on April 16, 1942 to the late Joseph Oleske, Sr. and Elizabeth Oleske “Heros get remembered, Legends never die” The Legendary Joseph Arthur Oleske, Jr., a Triple Bronze Star Vietnam War Veteran, the eldest Brother of six, proud father of four, and Grandfather “Pepa” of eight, and adoring husband to his lifelong love Rosanne Oleske died Friday, January 27, 2023, on his terms, holding the hands of loved ones in the comfort of his home. Joe was an avid fisherman, Dentist extraordinaire, and hero to so many on and off the Battlefield. When faced with a terminal diagnosis, some may shut down. Joe kept going! He was busy living, loving and laughing. Boating and Fishing to the end! Fresh water, Salt water, Cool wind, or Summer heat, Fishing was where you would be sure to find “Big Doc” Joe. From his favorite place at Tedford’s Lodge in Gananoque, Canada to the Atlantic waters of the Jersey Shore. Rosanne was always there, for all of it, the Big fish, the little fish, and the “monster” fish that got away. She read her books without rocking his boat. Can there be any truer sign of love!? Some may say Joe drove too fast, smoked too much, played too hard, and laughed too loud. The way he lived on the edge, he could have died a hundred different times, so making it this many years was a gift to all who loved him. A few short weekends ago, some of the family gathered around Joe and Rosanne’s dining table eating, laughing, singing, and joking. Making fun of each other, arguing with his brothers who had the worst illnesses! All the while, Joe was still smoking. (We are pretty sure Joe is the only man who could convince his own nurse to roll him cigarettes and sit with him in his office as he smoked.) Joe sat at one end of the table and Rosanne at the other. Joe was fully engaged with the fun around him. But Joe stopped laughing for a moment to ask Rosanne if she was warm

enough or needed a sweater. His love for her and all of his family was Fierce. That love endures. In addition to his Beloved wife Rosanne (née Masucci) Oleske, Joe is survived by his children: Dr. Joseph A Oleske III (Gina), Suzanne Oleske, Christopher Oleske(Elena), his beloved grandchildren, TJ, Drew, and Samantha Kwitchoff, Jessica and Jack Oleske, and Ransom, Cadence and Delilah Coffey. Joe was reunited with his daughter Jennifer Oleske Coffey at the gates of Heaven. He is survived by his siblings, Elizabeth Murad, Dr. James and Barbara Oleske, Marie and John Henderson, Jerry and Kristen Oleske, and Jeffrey and Maureen Oleske. He is also survived by friends and extended family who remained loyal to Joe and he to them for decades. (You know who you are). Joe loved ALL of you. Joe was born in Hoboken, NJ to his parents Joseph and Elizabeth Oleske. He grew up on the rough and tumble streets of North Bergen with his dear cousins Pat, Janice, Artie, Margie, and Bobby close by. Later in Hasbrouck Heights, then Oradell. Joe graduated Bergen Catholic High School and went on to graduate Fairleigh Dickinson Dental School in Teaneck, NJ. Joe served in the United States Army as a Captain on active duty in Vietnam, 1969-1970. Joe was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. Joe was the most decorated dentist in the Vietnam war, earning 3 Bronze stars. Joe acquitted himself with Valor and Honor. Upon returning from war, Joe and family moved down the shore, and opened his own dental practice in Lakewood, NJ. as “Doc Joe” until his son Dr. Joseph A. Oleske III, DMD, joined the practice in 1995, then Joe became “Big Doc.” at Oleske Family Dental, where he worked with Joe and daughter Suzy (RDH) for many years until his retirement. Joe has been a mentor to many veterans, and took great pride in helping others in their time of need. A final wish Joe asks of all his loved ones, to continue to love and support his family especially his beloved Rosanne. Take the time to thank other veterans for their sacrifice and service, and remember him laughing and joking and just being JOE. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project, or St Jude Hospital. The Family thanks you for all of your love and prayers as we mourn the loss of the Man, the Myth, the Legend, Dr. Joseph A. Oleske, Jr. Indeed, God broke the mold when he made Joe, some would argue that God knew what he was doing when he broke that mold. Because Joe Oleske was ONE of a kind.



**LARRY GENE OSINA** – Died Wednesday, December 27, 2023 in Scholenburg, Texas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Campo, Texas on February 7, 1948 to the late Frank and Annie (née Bartosh) Osina. He attended Ammannsville Elementary, Dubina Elementary and St. Rose School. He graduated from Bishop Forest High School in 1966. He attended Wharton County Junior College for two years. Larry married Carolyn Muras on July 27, 1974. The couple settled in Ammannsville until 1984, and then moved to Scholenburg to be closer to his business. They were blessed with four children. Survivors include his wife and children, David Osina and wife Carol of Ammannsville, Michael Osina and wife Leigh Anne of Pearland, Gina Zbranek and husband Brian of Ammannsville, and Carly Divin and husband Matthew of Weimar. Also surviving are one brother, Frankie Osina of Ammannsville; two sisters, Patricia Stolarski and husband Ralph of Sugar Land, and Betty Stolarski of Scholenburg. Ten grandchildren also survive: Kristen and Natalie Osina; Austin, Benjamin and Tyler Osina; Alyssa,

Tenley and Kasen Zbranek; and Emileigh and Sullivan Divin. He was drafted to the United States Army on March 4, 1969 and served in Vietnam from July 28, 1969 to July 27, 1970. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, Air Mobile. He received three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Air Medal Vietnam Service Medal and Combat Infantry Badge along with other medals. He was a member of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, Schulenburg American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Larry was a *Charter Member and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America = Schulenburg Chapter #870* and was instrumental in the formation of the organization. He served on the scholarship committee for many years. His love for Catholic education led him to become a charter member of Friends for Catholic Education, promoting Catholic education for high school students at Sacred Heart High School in Hallettsville. Those who served in Vietnam share with all other war veterans an awful knowledge and understanding of the true cost of war, for they are all individuals who survived an experience of fright and terror which has no equal, an experience which forever changed and shaped each veteran's life. Veterans of Vietnam have borne an additional burden, for that conflict was not neatly resolved and many questions remain unanswered. In years gone by, many men and women, responding to the call of this nation, answered the summons given and left family and familiar surroundings, people and places loved, to serve in a far-off land, returning home to uncertain reception. His passion for fixing farm tractors led him to join Eugene Kossa at Gene's Repair Shop in Schulenburg. In 1971, he took over the business. Because of his great knowledge and determination to fix anything, his business grew quickly with service calls ranging up to a 100-mile radius. He was able to work alongside his brother and pass along his love for tractors to his son who also worked with him. In June 2015, he retired and closed Gene's Repair Shop to spend more time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed restoring old houses with his wife and children. However, his pride and joy was his restored 1955 Buick in which he loved to take his wife and grandchildren on a Sunday afternoon drive. He was an honest businessman. He was a kind and loving father and grandfather. He had a heart of gold and never met a stranger. He will be missed by many! Funeral services for Larry Gene Osina were held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 from Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ammannsville. The recitation of the rosary was held at the church on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. The burial was in Saint John the Baptist Cemetery. The pallbearers were Art Caldwell, Tommy Muras, David Sassin, Donald Kelly Jr., Darren Kunz and Clarence Hartensteiner. The honorary pallbearers were Diane Roeder, Tom Losier and John Dodson. Officiating at the services was Reverend Father Luke Prihoda, main celebrant. Concelebrating were Reverend Father Jasper Liggio, Reverend Monsignor John Peters and Reverend Monsignor Tim Kosler.

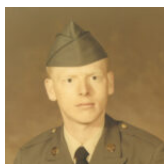


**EDWARD THOMAS "Buddy" "Ed" PACE** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on March 17, 1947 to the late Thomas and Babette (née Rue) Pace. He was the devoted husband of 55 years to Connie (née Marchese) Pace; devoted father of Carmen (Laura) Pace,

Thomas (Tara) Pace and Danielle (Dennis) Brown; cherished grandfather of Nicholas Pace, Madalyn Pace, Gianna Pace, Nina Pace, Natalie Brown and Maggie Brown; loving son of the late Thomas and Babette (nee Rue) Pace; dear brother of Thomas (Helen) Pace; also survived by nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Ed was involved as a *Life Member of Vietnam Veteran of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77*. He was an honorably discharged United States Army veteran. He was also a General Motors Tonawanda plant retiree. Relatives and friends visited the Lombardo Funeral Home (Snyder Chapel), 4614 Main Street (near Harlem) on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was at 8:00 PM. The inurnment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Edward's name to a veteran's charity of the donor's choice.



**PATRICK HOWARD PATTERSON** – Died Saturday, February 3, 2024 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 29, 1948 to the late Roy and Betty Patterson. He was the beloved husband of Patsy (née Finley) Patterson; proud and loving father of Casey (Tony) Costa and Sara (A.J.) Johnson; adored grandfather of Nino and Avery, and; dear brother of Judy (the late Bill) Schmidt and Lisa Patterson-Goodin. He was predeceased by his parents Roy and Betty. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Patrick and the love of his life, Patsy, married in 1969. Shortly after, he was drafted into the United States Army and sent to Vietnam. After serving his time there, he came home and they started their family. His two daughters, Casey and Sara, meant the world to him. When his daughters married, he happily welcomed his two son-in-laws, Tony and AJ. He enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his family. He looked forward to times like Sunday breakfast every week and Friday family game nights. As long as they were all together he was happy. He loved being Papa to Nino and Avery and couldn't wait to hear about what they were doing. As a Veteran of the Vietnam War, he and Patsy were very involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. He held positions at the Post, District, State and National levels and was extremely proud to be an advocate for all veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154*. Patrick will be dearly missed by all that had the opportunity to know him. Visitation was held on Thursday from 2:00-8:00 PM with a 6:00 PM Military Funeral Honors Service at Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). In lieu of flowers donations preferred to the Bingo Account at Michigan Veterans Home at Chesterfield Township. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).



**MARK DOUGLAS PEDERSON** - Died Monday, February 19, 2024 at Grande Prairie Health and Rehabilitation Center in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin at the age of 71. He was a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The cause of death was cancer. Mark was born in Grand Forks,

North Dakota on October 14, 1952 to the late Theodore and Doris (née Common) Pederson. He was a 1971 graduate of JI Case High School. Mark faithfully served our country with United States Army for 9 years – having 2 tours of duty in Germany during the Vietnam War. Following, he started a career in the HVAC industry before becoming an officer at Racine Correctional Institute from where he retired 2012. Among his interests, Mark enjoyed traveling, camping, calling Bingo and staying active with the VFW, American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Racine Chapter #767** and a member of their Honor Guard. Surviving are his children, Eric Pederson, Laura (Dennis) Smulski and Vincent (Michelle) Dabrowski; grandchildren, Tylor & Hailey Pederson, Madison Davis, Delaney Dabrowski and Zachary & Sabriona Smulski; brothers and sister, Glen (Julie) Pederson, Annette Pederson, Dave (Karen) Pederson and Rob (Heidi) Pederson; aunt, Betty Pederson; nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends. In addition to his parents, Mark was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary (née Cappelo) Pederson (passed away on July 17, 2023); brother, Darrel Pederson; and former wife, Judi Pederson-Cornick. Services celebrating Mark's life were held on Monday, March 11, 2024 in the Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home at 12:00 Noon. The entombment, with military honors, was held at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held in the funeral home on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. In memory of Mark, memorials to "Vietnam Vets Chapter 767" have been suggested. Special note of thanks to Grande Prairie Health Center and Hospice Alliance (especially nurse Julie) for the compassionate care and support given in Mark's time of need. May God bless all of you!



**WILLIAM ALBERT "Bill" PHILLIPS, JR.** - Died Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. He was a resident of Millville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. William was born on August 18, 1949 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William Albert Phillips, Sr. and Margaret (née Perry) Phillips. William graduated from Father Judge High School then enlisted in the United States Army, where he served two tours in Vietnam. William was a Mason of the Masonic Lodge where he was a Shriner and was a member of the Bloomsburg VFW Post #804, Bloomsburg American Legion Post #273, VFW Catawissa Post #8306, and Bloomsburg Lodge #436. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. William is survived by his wife Anna (née Arleth) Phillips, whom he married October 5, 2001; two stepsons Patrick McNulty and wife Linda of Philadelphia, Brian McNulty of Freeland, four grandchildren, Rebecka, Haley, Tyler, and Jase, four great-grandchildren; Jake, Noah, Ava and Maci, and two sisters, Denise Newell and husband Joseph of North Carolina, and Marian Diehl and husband Thomas of Pennsylvania. William was preceded in death by his parents as well as two sisters Peggyanne Wright & Judy Kelly. William is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA on March 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Family and friends may send online condolences

to [www.bunnellfuneralhome.com](http://www.bunnellfuneralhome.com). The Bunnell Funeral Home Inc., Millville handled the funeral arrangements.



**DUANE R. "Snake" PIERCE** – Died peacefully Tuesday, January 23, 2024 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 70, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Green Bay on August 12, 1953 to the late Russell and Florence Pierce. Snake proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Navy Reserve from 1972-1978. While on active duty, he married his beloved wife Dolores Harper Rowles on March 25, 1975 in San Diego, CA. He will be remembered most for his lifelong service as a veteran's advocate through his numerous veteran groups. He was especially proud of his accomplishments with his Rolling Thunder group and was very active as a *Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224** and AMVETS Post #57. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle all over the Midwest with his wife. He is survived by his wife, Dolores "Dee" A. Pierce; special goddaughter, Brittany Bastian; Sister-in-law Lori Irvin (Fred); Stepson, George Rowles. He was preceded in death by his parents and heavenly daughter, Tammy. He had MANY special friends in his life. A huge thank you to the nurses and staff at Bellin Hospital and the Bellin Cancer Team. They were like family. A special thank you to friends Ed and Leon for their generous help through it all. Friends and Family gathered on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Nicolet Memorial Gardens Chapel, 2770 Bay Settlement Road for visitation from 9:00-11:00 AM. Service and burial, with military honors by VVA Chapter #224 and Rolling Thunder followed. A celebration of life took place at the Duck Creek Pub at the VFW Howard afterwards. Funeral arrangements were made by the Newcomer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family in Dolores' name.



**DR. ARTHUR CARL "Art" PLAUTZ, JR.** - Died Saturday, March 9, 2024 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 89, with Alice, his wife of 57 years, and family members by his side. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. Art was born on June 6, 1934 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Arthur Carl Plautz, Sr. and Gertrude Plautz. He graduated from Rufus King High School, and went on to attend Marquette University and Medical School. After completing the medical program in 3 years, he earned his MD in 1958. He then completed his residency in the Milwaukee area. After being drafted into the military, he went to Vietnam and served as a surgeon in the United States Army. He met the love of his life, Alice, on July 8, 1966 at the 85<sup>th</sup> EVAC in Qui Nhon. It was love at first sight. The two were married on December 27, 1966, at the Qui Nhon Support Command Chapel. Once home, Art practiced Urology at Janesville Riverview Clinic and in the



Dean Medical System until his retirement. Guided by compassion and empathy, he went above and beyond for his patients and his community, treating them with dignity and respect. Art spent his life loving and watching his 5 children and 10 grandchildren grow. He attended various sporting events and activities with a video camera in hand. With his brilliant mind, he avidly completed crosswords, skunked anyone in Cribbage, consistently beat Jeopardy, and watched his favorite show, Wheel of Fortune. As an active member of First Lutheran Church in Janesville, he helped take video of services and weddings. He finished his life as a member at Messiah Lutheran Church in Madison. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alice, his sister Jean Tower and children Arthur Plautz III (Michelle), Julia Nepl (Philip), Laura Smith (James), Joseph Plautz (Tracée) and Andrew Plautz (Kim-Tai) and his glorious grandchildren Emilee Meyer (Jacob), Isabelle Plautz, Sophie Plautz, Jackson Plautz, Chloe Plautz, Alexis Smith, Dora Nepl, Ava Plautz, Henry Plautz, Mikaela Smith, numerous nieces, nephews, and cherished friends. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 5202 Cottage Grove Road, Madison. Visitation was from 9:00 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Wisconsin Parkinson Association or the Michael J. Fox Foundation. The Family welcomed all those who have been touched by his life and legacy to join in this day of remembrance. Art's family would like to thank the services of Common Heart Hospice and care givers, especially Marilyn Anderson and Deb Wilcox.



**FRANCIS R. "Sonny" "Frank" POTTER** - Died unexpectedly Sunday, January 28, 2024 in Saint Albans, Vermont at the age of 87. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Fairfield, Vermont on September 1, 1936 to the late Dorman and Joyce (née Godin) Potter. Frank served 22 years in the United States Army. Frank was in the Vietnam War and was in country at the time of the Tet Offensive. Frank also served in Germany, where he liked the people so much that each time he extended his service thereafter, he would gain assurance of being assigned to Germany for as much of that enlistment as he could manage. During his service in the Army, he was an X-Ray Technician and later an X-ray instructor for the U.S. Army. A profession which he continued for many years following his discharge at Copley Hospital in Morrisville. Frank was an active longtime member of the Robert E. Glidden Post #758, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post # 88, Sheldon Springs and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. Frank worked to promote Veterans recognition, services to veterans and service to community. Frank was actively involved with the placement of the Veterans Monuments in Sheldon and Taylor Park. He was proud to present American Legion School Awards, at the Sheldon School. Those who receive these awards have demonstrated qualities that define character: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Smith of Saint Albans and brother, Rodney Potter and his wife, Lisa, of Sheldon as well as "Uncle Sonny" to nephews, Clifford, Thomas, Harlan, James, Norman, Jr., and Douglas as well as nieces, Laura, Cheria, Christine and Kandy- Kay. He is also survived by his Uncle Reginald Godin and cousins, David Godin and Rhea Godin. In addition to his parents,

Frank was predeceased by his brothers, Norman and Bruce and sister, Leona. Frank's family received family and friends on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM at the Heald Funeral Home, 87 South Main Street, Saint Albans. A funeral service was held at 3:00 PM at the funeral home with the Reverend Father Christopher Micale officiating. Prayers of committal and military honors were held in the spring at the Saint Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials in Francis' name may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692. Honored to be serving the family of Francis Potter is Casey McNally of the Heald Funeral Home, where messages of condolence are welcome at [www.healdfuneralhome.com](http://www.healdfuneralhome.com).



**PATRICIA ANN POWELL** - Died Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in Hinesville, Georgia at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born Patricia Ann Sykes on February 21, 1949 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Oscar Lee Sykes and Cassa Ann (née Jenkins) Sykes. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Stevie Sykes; brother, Donnie Nance; sister, Delores Fleischer; husband, Jesse J. Powell; and granddaughter, Lauren Murray. Those left to cherish her memory are her sister, Alva Reeves; her niece, Linda Tedesco; children, Patrick Bryant of Asheville, N.C.; Dean Bryant of Hinesville, Ga.; Danny Murray of Cumming, Ga.; their wives, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Patricia has worked at Guerry Lumber in Savannah, Dixie Crystal, Acosta Sales and Marketing Service. She also completed her associate in business management from Saint Leo University in May 2005. She lived in Heidelberg, Germany, for four years and was a government service employee. Moving back to Hinesville, she worked for Geo Vista Credit Union until retirement. Patricia was a beautiful soul. She loved getting involved and helping others, from children to adults. She served as a den leader of Cub Scout Pack at Zion Lutheran Church and became a Cub Scout Roundtable commissioner for Effingham County. She also served as Cub Scout Day Camp administrator several years here in Georgia and on the Trans-Atlantic Council in Germany. She served on several district and council trainings. She attended Commissioner College for advanced training and received a master's in commissioner science. She was awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award a council may give to a volunteer. The International Association of Lions Club was fortunate to have her service as club director, secretary, vice-president and president district governor in 2012. As a member of Hinesville Lions Club since 2006, she has served as club director and MD 18 Georgia Council chair in 2018. She was also a very active *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans – Hinesville Chapter #789** in Hinesville, Georgia. A great passion was her quilting guild. Her love for quilting and comradery with her friends brought such joy to her life. She once stitched in a quilt: "Knowledge speaks, wisdom listens." These are words we can all live by. She was a cancer survivor and lived her life giving to others through service and generosity. Her unselfish love to do good for others was her way to give back. Her time with family was very important and she loved her time at the beach. She never met a stranger. She loved her Lord, and her church and church family were very important in her life. Although she will be missed by so many, none as much as her family. She will always live on and be in our hearts. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday,

February 10, 2024 at the Carter Funeral Home. The family received friends for one hour prior to the service. The interment was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind through their website at [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) or mail a check to 1039 South Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

**BARBARA J. PRICE** - Died recently in 2024 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 9, 1939. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**.

**RICHARD JOHN “Dick” PURCELL** – Died Sunday, November 19, 2023 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on December 24, 1936 to the late William Purcell and Ursula (née Mattingly) Purcell. He was also predeceased by his older siblings, Dorothy O’Connor, William Purcell and Marjorie Maxson. He attended Hinsdale High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation from Lewis University where he later taught aviation mechanics for several years in the 1970’s. Dick had a passion for science, technology and football. He loved building and fixing things. After teaching aviation at Lewis College, he went on to work for United Airlines ad a World Wife Instructor for their mechanics until he retired. Even in retirement, he continued to teach driver educations for AARP seniors. Richard was a United States Army Veteran serving as a helicopter mechanic in Vietnam from 1960 to 1962. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. Dick married Dianne (née Natkowski) Purcell in May 1960 and together they had two children, Susan Marie Purcell-Watts and Deborah Anne Purcell-Huynh both of whom were raised in Schaumburg, Illinois. In 1981, Dick met a new love Florence Marie (née Dvorak) Purcell. Flo and Dick were married for over 42 years and spent their years living in, and travelling to, many interesting places including living in Half Moon Bay, California for fifteen years. They traveled in the motorhome or flew to all of the fifty states and to many foreign countries as well. He loved dogs and was proud to care for many canine companions throughout his years. Richard is survived by his loving wife, Flo Purcell; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and David Watta and Debbie and Thanh Huynh, and; five grandchildren, Nikolai, Sophia and Madelyn Watts and Tessa and Aidan Huynh.



**CHESTER NORMAN “Chet” RAGSDALE** – Died Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Flagstaff Medical Center in Flagstaff, Arizona at the age of 72, with his wife Tammara and daughter-in-law and son-in-law at his side. He was a resident of Williams, Arizona since June 2020. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Chet was born in San Diego, California on July 13, 1950 to the late Jean (née Anderson) Ragsdale and Billy Ragsdale. The family relocated to McGregor, Texas when he was 8 years old after his father transferred jobs. The family lived on a

farm near a river and that's where Chet discovered his love for animals and fishing. His dogs Snip and Rowdy were his best friends and there were many adventures throughout his childhood. The family moved to Arizona where Chet graduated high school at Buckeye Union High School class of 1969. From there, he voluntarily joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a Sergeant when he was discharged in 1975. Afterwards, his family moved back to Texas and that is where Chet lived most of his adult years working in the automotive business from parts delivery to general manager. He used his GI bill and obtained an Associate's Degree from McLennan Community College with an Arts Degree. He had considered pursuing further education in teaching or forestry. He married and raised his two sons, Dustin and Derek in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Chet retired from the automotive business after 40 years of service. He was active as an administrator for an online Vietnam website as well as his contacts with EZ Company. Chet had many passions in his life: Marine Corps, Dallas Cowboys, photography, and being an outdoor enthusiast with kayak fishing, hiking, and enjoyed visiting National Parks. His love for photography captured the essence of how he lived and appreciated the beauty of Arizona and Texas and he had his own Facebook page displaying his work. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and member of Williams American Legion Post #12128. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona*. Chet had relocated back to Arizona in early 2000 and lived and worked in the Phoenix area. In 2009, he met Tammara and they married in Las Vegas September 2010. The couple loved to attend music concerts, travel and explore the outdoors and spend time with family. Chet was a loving husband, father, brother, and uncle. He is preceded in death by his parents Jean and Billy. He is survived by his wife Tammara, sons Derek and Dustin Ragsdale, stepdaughter, Sheraton (Greg) Cole, stepson, Gregory (Lolly) Lockhart, brother Neil (Tracy) Ragsdale, a niece, a son and daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, grandson and five step-granddaughters and a step-grandson. Chet proudly served his country and he will be buried at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with military funeral honors on February 10, 2023 at 2:15 PM. A memorial service for friends and family was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the Holiday Inn Express Irving DFW Airport North, 4550 West John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX.



**JEROME B. "Klank" RAKERS** - Died Monday, January 22, 2024 at HSHS Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, Missouri at the age of 81. He was a resident of Aviston, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 21, 1942 in Breese, Illinois to the late Anthony "Tony" and Leona (née Voss) Rakers. Klank married Edna Wuebbels on June 15, 1974 at Saint Damian Catholic Church in Damiansville and she survives in Aviston. In addition to his wife of nearly fifty years, Klank is survived by his children, Julie (Greg) Kampwerth of Hazelwood, MO, Kathy (Jim) Kampwerth of Bartelso, Keith (Kym) Rakers of Breese, and Jeff Rakers of Breese; grandchildren, Hailey and Elizabeth Kampwerth, Grace and Lucy Kampwerth, and Paislee Rakers; step-grandsons, Jacob Kampwerth and Colton Snow; siblings, Don Rakers of Aviston, Mary O'Brien of Aviston, Howard (Marilou) Rakers of Breese, and Tony "JR." (Mary) Rakers of Trenton; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe Heinzmann of Saint Rose, JoAnn (friend, Art Gantner)

Rathke of Belleville, Richard (Deb) Wuebbels of Germantown, Linda (Mike) Sprouse of Summerfield, Mike (Darlene) Wuebbels of Albers, David (Janet) Wuebbels of Albers, Marilyn (Mike) Buehlhorn of Swansea, Marvin (Mary) Wuebbels of Damiansville, Ed (Sharon) Wuebbels of Albers, and RoseAnn (Larry) Harris of Freeburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. Klank was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Walter "Peepers" Rakers; sister, Margie Heinzmann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Clara, née Kuhl, Wuebbels; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ruth Mary Rakers, Tom O'Brien, Joe Varel, Leonard "Skip" Rathke, and Mary Wuebbels. A veteran of the United States Army, Klank served from 1964-1966. He worked at Scott Air Force Base as a Boiler Plant Operator and in Civil Engineering, retiring in 2000. He also hauled machinery and helped during harvest at EJ Kehrer in Albers and drove a bus for Community Link and Southern Bus and Mobility. Klank was deeply involved in the community, holding various roles in different organizations. He was a dedicated member of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Aviston, where he served as a Server, Eucharistic Minister, and Usher and in 2020 he received an *Unsung Hero Award*. His commitment extended to his role as Past County Commander and Past Commander of Aviston American Legion Post #1239, as well as Sergeant-at-Arms for county and Post. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**, former president of Aviston Jaycees, Aviston Knights of Columbus Council #11110, with titles including former Grand Knight, District Deputy, and State Officer. Klank was also a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of Bishop Althoff Assembly, holding titles such as Past Faithful Navigator and Former Commander and was inducted into the Belleville Chapter Southern Friendship League. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, Klank volunteered numerous hours of his time and energy, chairing events and contributing to various activities, most notably the KC State Softball Tournament, KC State Horseshoe Tournament, and the KC Regional Spelling Bee, and he also baked numerous turkeys for the Newman Center in Carbondale. Klank's altruistic nature was evident in his avid blood donation, contributing over 400 units to Barnes Jewish Pheresis Department. He also served as a school crossing guard for many years. In his leisure time, Klank enjoyed playing cards, yardwork, gardening, and hunting deer and pheasants. He was well known for always giving everyone a hard time and never knew a stranger. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Aviston with Reverend Fathers Daniel Friedman and Chuck Tuttle concelebrating. The interment was in the Saint Francis Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from 4:00–8:00 PM and again on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 8:00–9:15 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. The Aviston American Legion held services at 7:00 PM on Wednesday night followed by the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Aviston Knights of Columbus held their services at 8:00 PM followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Althoff Assembly Chalice Service. In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to the Newman Fund, Whispering Pines, or American Farm Heritage Museum in Greenville and will be received at the visitation or by mail, Moss Funeral Home, 535 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Breese, IL 62230, who served the family.

**TOM M. REININGER** – Died recently in 2023 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Joann Reininger, of

the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106*.



**LARRY J. RICHARDSON** – Died Sunday, February 11, 2024 in Linden, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1947 in Hohenwald, Tennessee to the late Odis and Cecila Richardson. Larry's life was a testament to the enduring spirit of love, wisdom, and courage. Larry is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Sharon (née Beardsley) Richardson, who stood by his side through life's many journeys. Together, they raised a loving family, including daughters Sherry Lynn Maza and Irene Waddles. He was preceded in death by his daughter Leanne Morgan. His sister Loudean Campbell will fondly remember her brother's unwavering strength and kindness. Larry's legacy continues through his adoring grandchildren Anne Kay O'Guin, Shyan Carey, Shelby White, Blain Miller, and Lexie Morgan, and his great-grandchild, Walker Lee, all of whom brought immense joy to his life. Larry's dedication to his country was evident through his honorable service as a Sergeant E-5 in the United States Army. His bravery and commitment were recognized with the awarding of two Bronze Stars, distinctions that spoke to his valor and dedication. Following his military service, Larry continued to serve his community through his active involvement with the American Legion of Linden, where he shared his experiences and camaraderie with fellow veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #1123*. A man of many interests, Larry found solace and excitement in the great outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, often found enjoying the tranquility of nature. His passion for tinkering was well-known, as he could fix almost anything with his hands. Racing and NASCAR events filled his weekends with adrenaline, while horse riding allowed him moments of peaceful connection with these noble creatures. Larry's zest for life was contagious, and his hobbies were a reflection of a man who loved to stay active and engaged with the world around him. Those who knew Larry would describe him as a loving soul, a wise guide, and a courageous heart. His presence was a source of stability and warmth for his family and friends. He approached life's challenges with the same tenacity he demonstrated on the fields of battle, and he imparted lessons of resilience and grace to all who were fortunate enough to cross his path. A celebration of Life took place at a later date. The Adair Funeral and Cremation Services was assisting the family.



**SHERMAN ROBINSON** – Died Sunday, February 11, 2024 in Baker, Louisiana at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on November

29, 1943 to the late George and Lena Robinsin. He was a 77-year resident of Baker, Louisiana. He was a graduate of Scotlandville High School Hornets, Class of 1961 and Grambling State University. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #852*. Funeral services were held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 23, 2024 at Little Zion Baptist Church, located at 1955 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA. Visitation was from 11:00 AM until the start of the service. The Celebration of Life was conducted by Pastor Marcus Jackson, followed by the interment at the Louisiana National Cemetery. Survivors include his devoted wife of 61 years, Delores (née Carney) Robinson, daughter, Ursula Robinson-Hall, Denham Springs, Louisiana; grandchildren, Jayla S. Hall, Myles A. Brown, Mariah R. and Mya S. Robinson, a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lena and George Robinson; daughter, Deborah Robinson; granddaughter, Kerrigan Robinson; and eleven brothers and sisters. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Miller and Daughter Mortuary in Zachary, Louisiana.



**THOMAS F. "Tom" ROBLEE** – Died Tuesday, March 5, 2024 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung disease. He was born in Oshkosh on February 21, 1946. He leaves behind a legacy of unwavering commitment to his community and a profound impact on those who knew him. A proud United States Navy Vietnam Veteran, Tom served his country with honor and dignity, embodying the principles of duty and sacrifice. Following his naval service, Tom dedicated himself to protecting his community as a firefighter/paramedic in Oshkosh. His commitment to service extended beyond the call of duty, as he served as Union President, advocating tirelessly for his fellow firefighters. Tom's faith was a guiding force in his life, evident in his active involvement with Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Saint Raphael Catholic Church, where he served as a board member. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437*. His kindness and generosity knew no bounds, touching the lives of all who crossed his path. In addition to his service as a firefighter, Tom fulfilled duties assigned by the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to public service. Tom believed in education and was a scholar at heart, with a deep love for history and a passion for learning. He approached life with patience and thoughtfulness, always eager to understand and engage with the world around him. With a love of music and a zest for life, Tom and Pat loved spending time with their family, visiting new places and celebrating friendships old and new. Tom is survived by his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Patricia, who was the love of his life. He is also survived by his children Danielle (Bob) Gattuso, Jessica (Frank) Vomacka, and Matthew (Sara) Roblee, and his cherished grandchildren: Michael, Nicholas, Tommy, Jack, Grace, Mikayla, and Sam. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Tom on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 12:00 Noon in Saint Raphael Catholic Church, 830 South Westhaven Drive in Oshkosh with the Reverend Father Tom Long celebrating. A time of visitation was held at the church on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of Mass. Full military honors were accorded by the United Veterans Honor Guard immediately following the Mass. The inurnment was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Tom leaves behind a legacy of service, kindness, and dedication to his community. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the

Fisher House in memory of Thomas F. Roblee.  
<https://fisherhouse.org>.



**DARRELL R. RODDICK** - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin at the age of 76, after a valiant battle with cancer attributed to Agent Orange exposure during his service in Vietnam. He was born in Fort Atkinson on March 1, 1947 to the late Lyle and Mable (née Ward) Roddick. Darrell's early life on a dairy farm instilled in him a work ethic and resilience that defined his life. A proud veteran, Darrell served in the United States Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade during the Vietnam War, notably during the Tet Offensive. His military career was distinguished by his dedication and achievements, including being honored as Soldier of the Month and achieving the rank of E-5. Despite the challenges, including a struggle with PTSD, Darrell's love for electronics and his service led him to a fulfilling career post-military. He worked for over 30 years at TDS (Utelco), progressing from a Central Office Technician to a Senior Network Engineer, a role he spoke of with passion and pride. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**. Darrell's life was marked by his love for his family, whom he often spoke of with great pride. He is survived by his brother, Gerry Roddick; his children, Ginger Roddick, Chris Roddick and wife Tonia, Heather Stachel (Roddick), Jenny Roddick, and stepdaughter Lily Liemsithisak; grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy. Darrell was preceded in death by his life partner, Ora, and his parents, Lyle and Mable Roddick. Beyond his professional and military achievements, Darrell was a man of many interests, from engineering to music, where he played the baritone and made the All-State Band in high school. His story of resilience, hard work on the dairy farm, and the unique coincidence connecting his family to the Bunker Hill School in Ellenboro, Wisconsin, highlighted the small-world experiences that enriched his life. In lieu of a traditional memorial service, Darrell wished for a Celebration of Life to be held in his honor on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Friends of Haumerson's Pond, 550 South Fourth Street E, Fort Atkinson, WI from 1:00-8:00 PM. No events were scheduled; guests were welcome to come at any time to celebrate Darrell's life and legacy in a manner that reflects the joy and love he shared with all who knew him. Darrell Roddick's journey from the dairy farms of Wisconsin to the battlefields of Vietnam and back to the heart of his community tells a story of a life lived with honor, love, and a deep commitment to the values he held dear. Known for his warm smile and generous spirit, Darrell's enduring courage and wisdom touched the lives of everyone he met. Beyond his accomplishments, it was his kindness, humor, and the unwavering support he offered to friends and family that truly defined his character. As we prepare to celebrate Darrell's remarkable life, we, his family, are forever grateful for the community's support during his final days. His legacy of strength, compassion, and dedication to others will continue to inspire us all. We invite you to join us in honoring a man whose life exemplified the best of what it means to be a part of this world. Darrell will be dearly missed, but his impact will forever be remembered and cherished in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Darrell's memory to the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in



Madison, Wisconsin. These contributions will support the General Purpose Fund (GPF8014), aiding a variety of veteran-specific needs throughout the hospital, reflecting Darrell's lasting impact on the veteran community. To make a donation by check: Payable to: Madison VA Hospital. Memo: GPF8014. Address for mailing donations: ATTN: 135 Community Relations, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705. Your generosity in Darrell's memory will greatly assist in enhancing the care and support provided to veterans at the Madison VA Hospital. The family deeply appreciates your contribution towards this cause close to Darrell's heart. Dunlap Memorial Home in Fort Atkinson is assisting the family. [www.DunlapMemorialhome.com](http://www.DunlapMemorialhome.com).

**JOSÉ ENRIQUE ROEL** – Died Thursday, February 1, 2024 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Laredo, Texas on November 28, 1946. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**. Funeral services were in the care of Heavenly Grace Funeral Home and Memorial Park.



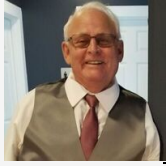
**MARK CHARLES ROPELLA** - Died unexpectedly Monday, February 19, 2024 at his home in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. Mark was born in Menasha, Wisconsin on January 17, 1963 to the late Dennis and Nancy Ropella. Mark grew up in Menasha and attended Clovis Grove Elementary and Butte des Morts Junior High School. He graduated from Menasha High School in 1981. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1986, his teaching certification in English and History from UW-Madison, and later obtained a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lesley University. Mark began his teaching career in Milwaukee, then taught at the Appleton Alternative School, followed by Wilson Middle School, and then taught at Appleton North High School and Career Academy until his retirement in 2019. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. A dedicated educator and beloved teacher of history and English classes, Mark inspired his students to become life-long learners and to pursue higher education. He taught an elective course in military history for over two decades and worked tirelessly to document and preserve the stories of local American veterans. Mark was a world traveler: he spent a semester abroad in London where he gained life-long friends and he participated in a cultural exchange program with Russian educators, traveling to remote parts of Russia and hosting Russian guests as well. Mark is remembered for his deep love of music, collecting many vinyls as well as traveling with his friends to music festivals from Nashville to Las Vegas. An avid fisherman and lover of the northwoods, Mark cherished his time at the family's cottage in northern Wisconsin. Whether watching a game of one of his beloved Wisconsin teams on a rainy day, taking out the boat for a fishing trip with his brother Tom, or simply spending time with myriad family and friends who would spend time there, the family cottage was one of his favorite places, especially following his retirement. Mark was also a devoted caretaker for his late mother, Nancy Ropella, during the last years of her life. Known for

his kindness, sense of humor, generosity and intelligence, Mark is fondly remembered as a loving brother, uncle, and friend, and will be greatly missed. Mark is survived by his nieces and nephews, Sarah J. De Bruin, Charles De Bruin and his wife, Bethany, and their daughter Olive Ann De Bruin, Rachel Ropella, and Henry Ropella; his brother-in-law, David De Bruin and his fiancée, Becky; his sister-in-law, Carol Ropella; and many neighbors and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Nancy Ropella, his brother, Tom Ropella, and his sister, Ann Ropella De Bruin. The Celebration of Mark's Life was held at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 8, 2024 at the Wichmann Funeral Home, 537 North Superior Street, Appleton. The family received friends there at 4:00 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials for a scholarship in Mark's memory are appreciated.

**HENRY ROSSI** – Died Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in Howell, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roselle Chapter #200**.



**RONALD R. "Ronnie" RUSSELL** - Died Thursday, December 14th, 2023 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death was leukemia. Ronnie was born in Ponca City on April 11, 1949 to the late Earl Stanley and Irene Russell. Upon graduation from Ponca City Senior High School, Class of 1968, he joined the United States Navy, reporting to active duty in San Diego, CA on November 13, 1968. He was a proud US Navy Vietnam veteran and a life member of the VFW Post #1201 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. He served aboard the USS Taussig DD746 and the USS Rupertus DD851. He married his high school sweetheart Claire Beman on November 21, 1969 in Ponca City, OK. They were blessed with two children, son Todd Ray and daughter Kari Dawn. He was retired from Mertz Manufacturing where he worked as a welder for over 25 years. Ronnie loved spending time with family and friends, especially his four grandkids. Whether it was doing hands on things like hunting, fishing, taking the grandkids to their first rodeo, or attending any event they were participating in. He loved having early morning breakfast with his brothers Mark and Skip and hunting, fishing, and going to the rodeo and OSU football games with his best buddy Wes. These times will all be missed and memories treasured by those he left behind. Ronnie is survived by and will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 54 years Claire, son Todd (DeAunn) Russell of Enid, OK, daughter Kari (Duane) Henson of East Carondelet, IL, his grandkids Trenton and Siarra Russell and Cassidy and Logan Henson. He is also survived by his brother Robert "Skip" Russell and family, brother and sister-in-law Mark and Kitty Russell and family, "sister" Cheri Sellers and son Eric, along with the rest of the Randol, Beman, Cloud, and Russell clans. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Irene Russell, his maternal grandparents (Randol) and paternal grandparents (Russell), an infant brother and his beloved "favorite" sister Debbie. Also preceded in death by his in-law family Earl and Elizabeth Beman, Dwight and Rodney Beman, and W.D and Gladys Pierce. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the VFW Post #1201, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #750, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



**JAMES BERNARD PATRICK RYAN** - Died Saturday, January 13, 2024 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 76, after a long battle against lung cancer. He was born in Jackson on February 28, 1947 to the late Bernard Lawrence Ryan and Margret Helen (née Dunworth) Ryan. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Emily Graves, his daughter Kelly Ryan, his granddaughter Ava Graves, former wife Gail Corbin, and his close friends Phil and Sandy Miller. He was preceded in death by his daughter Jennifer Beth Ryan. He grew up in Jackson and graduated from Saint Mary's High School. He enlisted in the military in 1966 and became a United States Navy Corpsman assigned to the United States Marine Corps and he served in Vietnam. After his military service, he graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology where he studied business administration and marketing. While still attending classes, he began working at Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors as a salesman. He stayed with Detroit Diesel for more than 30 years before he moved to Texas and started working for Industrial Power Truck & Equipment. He spent 7 years in Texas before moving back up north to be closer to his family, eventually settling in his hometown of Jackson, MI. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**. James had a lifelong love for trains and planes. He enjoyed collecting model trains and he could often be found at the airport watching the planes depart and land and chatting with the pilots. One of his greatest pleasures in life was socializing with people. He was the life of any party and he made friends easily wherever he went. He was also a deeply religious man who always offered help to anyone who needed it and he gave generously to charity. Throughout his life, he loved visiting the family cottage in Newaygo, MI where enjoyed spending time with family and childhood friends, and going boating, water skiing, and snowmobiling. He was a loving friend and father, and he will be deeply missed. The family would like to thank the VA, Residential Hospice, and Visiting Angels for the excellent care he received. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church with Reverend Father Timothy MacDonald officiating. A private interment was held at the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. The family received friends at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Instead of sending flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. The Desnoyer Funeral Home - Family Owned for 134 Years was in charge of the funeral arrangements.



**CRAIG M. SANDY** - Died Monday, January 23, 2023 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the age of 73. He was a resident of Ponca City, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Craig was born on February 16, 1949 in Blackwell, Oklahoma to Dr. LM Sandy and Mary Virginia (née Longoria) Sandy. He graduated from Blackwell High School in 1967 and went on to have a 25-

year career in the United States Coast Guard retiring in 1993. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Craig is survived by the mother of his children Sara Washburn Sandy, his brother Scott Sandy, his children Kris Adams (Richard) of Eagle, WI., and Dr. Mike Sandy (Shawn) of Collierville, TN., five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and his best friend Diane Buchanan. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Kent Sandy.

**JAMES L. SARACCO** - Died Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Kent County Hospital in Warwick, Rhode Island at the age of 74. He was a resident of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on May 13, 1945 to the late James V. and Theresa Saracco. He was an electrician for Electric Boat. Mr. Saracco was a United States Marine Corps veteran serving three tours in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island**. Besides his wife, he is survived by his stepdaughter, Melissa Hartley, and two grandchildren, Alexander and Andreas Filippou. A committal service with military honors was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Rhode Island State Veteran Cemetery, Exeter.



**EDWARD C. "Ed" SCHENCK, JR.** - Died Thursday, November 16, 2023 in Abingdon, Illinois at the age of 76, with family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born on September 16, 1947 in Galesburg, Illinois the first son of the late Edward C. Schenck, Sr. and Bernidette (née Carlson) Schenck. Ed met the love of his life, Bonnie (née Stoneking) Schenck, while attending Abingdon High School where they were voted homecoming King and Queen their senior year prior to graduation in 1965. They were wedded in marriage on April 3, 1966. Ed was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 where he served our country in Germany and later volunteered for Vietnam where he was a Combat Engineer and honorable discharged 1968. Ed Received several medals while serving our country including National Defense Service Metal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Member, Sharpshooter, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Leaf and three overseas bars. Ed was a member of several organizations which include being a life member (50+ continuous years) of the Abingdon, IL, American Legion Post #381, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf (Iowa) Chapter #776**, member of the Galesburg VFW, and KHE SANH Veterans Association, Inc. Ed was a past member of the Abingdon Fire Prevention District where he served as Captain, EMT for the Abingdon community, Abingdon Fall Festival Association, Charter member of the Abingdon School Foundation, and member of the Monmouth, IL, Sky Dive Club. Ed drove fuel trucks and tankers until he was hired by Southern Pacific Railroad as a conductor/brakeman. Southern Pacific was later bought by Union Pacific Railroad under which Ed enjoyed retirement. Ed most loved being with Bonnie and his family while boating or simply watching the Mississippi River at their cabin in Oquawka, IL. He also loved hunting and fishing with his kids and grandchildren at the river or local farms. Ed was also known to

enjoy his afternoon “errands” at the Pool Hall with his buddies. Ed is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and his Mother Bernie. Ed’s siblings include Dan (Cindy) Schenck and Jeanie (Rick) Hanna as well as his sister-in-law, Paula Brackett. Ed’s pride and joy will forever remain his kids, Michelle (Shelly and Tom) Jaros, Barbara (Barbie and Jason) Landers, Edward III (Eddie and Carrie) Schenck as well as his beloved grandkids, Lorana (Laura and Matt) Lundeen, Heather (HD and Brad) Fletcher, Samuel, Erin, Audrey, and Margaret (Maggie) Jaros, John (Jack) Landers, Jacob and Dylan Schenck. Ed was blessed with great grandchildren as well, Camdyn Scott Fletcher and Lorraine (Rainey Mae) Lundeen. Ed is preceded in death by his dad, Edward C. Schenck Sr., his brother Rudolph (Rudie) Schenck and his great-granddaughter, Scarlet Rain Lundeen. Visitation was held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Hinchliff-Pearson-West in Abingdon from 5:00–7:00 PM. A Graveside service was held at 11:00 AM the following day November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Abingdon Cemetery with full military honors. The Hinchliff-Pearson-West was honored to serve to family. Memorials may be made to the Abingdon Fire Prevention District or the Abingdon American Legion Post #381 color guard uniform foundation. Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).



**JOHN BARRY SCHNITZER** – Died Friday, February 9, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1943 in Portland, Oregon to the late Louise and Milton Schnitzer. As a 19-year-old, John volunteered and joined the United States Marine Corps serving as a Sergeant, part of the time in Da Nang, during the Vietnam War and returned with an honorable discharge. He spent much of his adult life in Hillsboro, Oregon where he was a small business owner and was active in various fraternal organizations. John and Verna moved to Louisville in 2018 to be near Verna’s sister and they have been surrounded by a loving family. He was an active member of Southeast Christian Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kentuckiana (Louisville) Chapter #454**. John will be remembered by all as a loving, kind, and generous man who was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife Verna Schnitzer, son Chris Schnitzer (Paulette), daughter Wendy Schnitzer, grandsons Ben and Alexander, granddaughter Chloe, and many family and friends. A Celebration of Life service was held at Chapel in the Woods, 1407 Moser Road, Louisville on April 5<sup>th</sup> with visitation from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and service at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Dare to Care Food Bank or the American Heart Association.



**MICHAEL LEO SCOVILLE** – Died Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in Talbott, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Glen Falls, New York on October 14, 1948 to the late Rita and Louis Scoville. He was also predeceased by his sister, Sharon; and

his first wife, Victoria. He is survived by his wife, Georgia Scoville; sister, Deborah Hayes; brother Shawn Scoville; two step-sons; four step granddaughters; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Michael was a member of Community Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Talbott, TN. He spent 35 years in law enforcement in New York, and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visitation was held at the Community Freewill Baptist Church, Phagen Store Road, Talbott from 4:00 until 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2023. A short service followed at 6:00 PM with Reverends Dennis Caldwell and Scott Cline co-officiating. He was then taken to Nashville for burial. Visitation there was held on Sunday, December 2, 2023 from 2:00 until 4:00 PM at the Bond Memorial Funeral Home in Mount Juliet, TN. The burial was at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 4, 2023 at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery with military honors. The arrangements were made by the Farrar Funeral Home in Jefferson City, TN.



**JOSEPH A. SEDOR** – Died Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in Delran, New Jersey at the age of 91, peacefully surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mahanoy Plane, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1933. Joseph was a longtime resident of Riverside before recently moving to Delran. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a proud member of Delran VFW Post #3020, Riverside American Legion Post #146 and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. He was employed as a steel worker for U.S. Steel, Fairless Hills, PA and Griffin Pipe Products, Florence, NJ. Beloved husband of 68 years to Margaret E. (née Bechtel). Devoted father of Joseph A II and the late Mark Sedor, Allen Sedor and Margaret Sedor. Loving grandfather of Jason Swiderski, Crystal Medor, Aria Rodia, Giacomo Rodia and Kyle Eirich, great grandfather of 10, including Jaylyn Swiderski. Relatives and friends were invited to attend Joseph’s viewing on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Chadwick Memorial Home, 154 Webster Street, Riverside, followed by his service at 12:00 Noon. The interment took place at Lakeview Cemetery, Cinnaminson.



**EDWARD HERMAN "Todd" SEILER III** – Died Monday, March 4, 2024 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Todd was born on July 25, 1947 in San Diego, California to the late Ted and Bobbie Seiler. He graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1965. He honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1967 - 1971, in Colorado and Vietnam where he was exposed to Agent Orange. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**. Todd was united in marriage in August, 1972 to Dianna Gillaspie in Aurora, CO. Todd was preceded in death by his parents. He was survived by his wife Di, daughter Stephanie (Joel) Mangrum, son Brian (Thi) Seiler, his sisters Pam (Danny) Curler and

Jan Hartley, as well as 4 nephews, fellow veterans, treasured friends and close neighbors. Todd's focus in life was his family, friends and country. He worked as an Arapahoe County Deputy Sheriff and retired after 30+ years from the US Post Office in 2014. Funeral services were held at Horan and McConaty, 11150 East Dartmouth Avenue, Aurora, CO on March 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Ed's (Todd) name to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #1106, P.O Box 441291, Aurora, CO 80044 or the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, 15956 Columbine Street, Thornton, CO 80602.



**WILLIAM FRANCIS "Bill" SEPUCH** (USN, CPO-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, February 28, 2024 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 86, of natural causes. The actual cause of death is unknown. Bill was born on January 29, 1938 in Windber, Pennsylvania to the late John and Mary Sepuch and grew up with his four sisters (Mary, Elenor, Barbara, and Ethel) and one brother (Joe) primarily in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After 22 years of serving our country in the United States Navy, Bill retired as Chief Petty Officer in 1975 and went on to retire from his second career working as a civil servant. Bill remained socially active throughout his lifetime but especially during his retirement years. His many passions included activities related to flying private airplanes, working as an FAA Mechanic and IA-Inspector Authorized, playing the drums and trumpet in various bands, and was most proud of his various roles and responsibilities associated with the Masons, Shriners, and the local Moose Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. Bill was preceded in death by his beautiful wife Sandra and their daughter Theresa. He is survived by his daughters Debra & Christie, his grandsons Charley, Billy, Mikey & Stevie, and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service and celebration of life was held at the Orange Park Masonic Lodge on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that you make donations to your favorite charities or to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa.



**KATHLEEN VIRGINIA "Kathy" SETTERS** – Died Wednesday, February 21, 2024 in Layton, Utah at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Belle Fourche, South Dakota on February 12, 1939. She was raised in Spearfish, South Dakota. Shortly after high school, Kathy joined the United States Navy serving as a yeoman. After being honorably discharged from her second tour in the Navy. Kathy began her civil service with the United States Army as the first female game warden at Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant in Nevada. In 1980, Kathy moved to Layton Utah, continuing her civil service on Hill Air Force Base. Kathy met Keith Berntsen, along with daughter Karen and they became a family. After the loss of Keith. Kathy and Karen were a mother/daughter pair. Kathy was blessed to marry the love of her life and eternal companion, Norm Setters on December 10, 2007 and added 5 more children to her family. At the time of her passing, Kathy was mom to 5, grandma to 16, great-grandma to 17. Kathy was

preceded in death by her mother and father, her younger sister, Carol, younger brother, Donald, and one son Carl. As all who knew Kathy, she was very busy with such organizations as Order of the Eastern Star (64 yrs), the DOES (48 yrs), Ladies of the Elk (43 yrs), as well as the Elks (24 yrs), and the Ladies of Shrine (11 yrs), Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was an avid bowler, loved bingo, and crafting for any and all the holidays. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #1079**. Funeral services were held on Friday March 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 North Fairfield Road, Layton, Utah. Friends visited with family on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the mortuary prior to the service. The interment was held on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah. In lieu of flowers: Scholarship Fund, c/o Golden Spike Elks Lodge #0719, 1875 5200 S Street, Roy, UT 84067



**VERNON ELWOOD "Vern" SHANNON** – Died Saturday, December 16, 2023 in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Madison Heights on June 26, 1949 to the late Gerald and Iva (née Hazen) Shannon. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, his daughters, Michelle and Pamela, stepson, Craig, grandchildren, Stephanie, Kelly, Austin and Kala, great-grandchildren, Hanna, Ty, Clayton, Levi, Maci, Maddyx and Tristin, a sister, Yvette (Ron), nieces, Christine, Tina and nephew, Jeff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Iva (Hazen) and stepson, Steven. Vern retired from The Detroit Free Press as a foreman. Vern served in Vietnam with the United States Army between 1966-69 and was awarded 6 medals and the military honor of Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Vern was a hands-on guy who you could count on for help. He was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman who loved his family. He will be dearly missed. A visitation for Vernon was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM at the Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Avenue, Saint Clair Shores, Michigan. The funeral service was held on Friday, December 22, 2023 at the Kaul Funeral Home, beginning with a gathering at 9:00 AM until time of service at 10:00 AM. Vernon was laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan following the services at 1:00 PM. All were welcome to join.



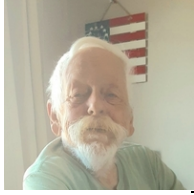
**ALLEN M. SILVER** - Died Wednesday, March 20, 2024 in Fort Gratiot Township, Michigan at the age of 74, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 21, 1949 in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Donald and Dorothy Silver. He



married Julia J. Frey on February 6, 1970 in Warren at Saint Mark Catholic Church. Allen served honorably in the United States Army, during the Vietnam War from 1966 – 1969 and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was the *Founder and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cottrellville Chapter #284**. Allen was a former employee of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He was a loving husband, father, and precious papa to his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Julia Silver, son, Edward Silver and daughter, Jodi (Jim Phillips) Silver, four grandchildren; Edward (Shannon), Andrew (Trisha), Makenzie (Tim) and Courtney, five great grandchildren; Jackson, Colton, Bowen, Edward and Oliver, a sister and brother-in-law, Leslie (Jay) Rivett, along with several nieces and nephews. Allen was preceded in death by a great-grandbaby, Silver and a sister, Joelynn Sauve. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Minister Shaun Laurain officiated. The visitation was from 4:00 PM until time of the service at 7:00 PM. Memorial contributions can be made to Saint Clair County Allied Veterans. The Saint Clair County Allied Veterans and the United States Army conducted military honors. The Jowett Funeral Home was privileged to serve the Silver Family.



**DAN LEE SIMMONS** - Died unexpectedly Saturday, February 17, 2024 at home in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Delaware, Ohio on July 27, 1947 to the late Earl Simmons and Esther (née Robinson) Weller. Dan is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Carol L. (Adkins) Simmons; his son, Kurtis L. (Sandy) Simmons and daughter, Amanda J. (Corey) Mays; and their five grandchildren, Austin Simmons, Elise Mays, Rebekah Simmons (fiancé, Zachary Deaney), Gavin Mays and Curtis “CJ” Simmons. Dan graduated from Buckeye Valley High School in 1965. He then joined the United States Navy Seabees and Seabees 128 where he served two tours in Vietnam. He married the love of his life, Carol, on December 3, 1966. Dan was an active member of The Old Stone Presbyterian Church of Delaware, Ohio where he served as deacon, trustee and elder over the years. He also loved going on mission trips and helping anyway he could. He cherished time with his family and loved to play “Adkins” Rummy. Dan loved to talk to anyone who would listen for as long as you would let him. He was also a business owner for 27 years of Simmons Excavating and Enterprises. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095**. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 5:30–8:00 PM at Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center, 101 Valleyside Drive, Delaware, Ohio. A Funeral Service took place at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 23, 2024 with an hour of gathering prior from 10:00–11:00 AM at Old Stone Presbyterian Church, 41 Hodges Road, Delaware, Ohio. The interment was at the Bokes Creek Cemetery, Ostrander, Ohio with Pastor Doug Browne officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Old Stone Presbyterian Church, 41 Hodges Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Please visit [www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com](http://www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com) to leave an online condolence.



**THOMAS H. "Tom" SINEX, SR.** - Died Tuesday February 20, 2024 at his home in Dover, Delaware at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware on August 4, 1943 to the late George and Elizabeth (née Brittingham) Sinex. Tom earned his GED and later attended college to study Civil Engineering for the military. He retired from the United States Army after a long career. He loved motorcycles and restoring old cars and was a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. He is survived by his wife, Deloris "Dee" Sinex; children, Tommy, Timmy, and Tammy; step-children, Cindy, Karen, and Sue; and many friends. Services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Matthews-Bryson Funeral Home, 123 West Commerce Street, Smyrna, with a visitation beginning at 1:00 PM. His friend, Jake Steele, officiated. The burial with military honors was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE. Memorial donations may be made to either the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Boulevard, Suite #300, Arlington, VA 22201; or to the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn.: Development Division, 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Tom will be remembered as often saying "life goes on". The arrangements were made by the Matthews-Bryson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Smyrna.



**PATRICIA AGNES "Pat" (née Melly) SIPPEL** - Died Thursday, February 8, 2024 at home in Hinesville, Georgia at the age of 80, surrounded by her loving family, while under the care of Hospice Savannah. The cause of death is unknown. Pat was born on August 12, 1943 in Rock Island, Illinois to late Bernard J. and Cecelia A. (née Vandebossche) Melly. Pat was a graduate of Alleman Catholic High School, class of '61. She was the CEO at ACME corporation from 1980 to 2001. She also worked at Savannah Technical College. Pat was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Pat was passionate about the veterans in the community and spent her time volunteering for several organizations and causes dear to her heart. The VFW Auxiliary, DAV Auxiliary, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**, and Saint Stephen Catholic Church, are just a few organizations that Pat spent time helping out with. She was always ready to help anyone, in anyway, that she could. Pat was an active member at Saint Stephen Catholic Church for over 20 years. She served as a Lecture and Eucharistic Minister during Mass at the church. Pat was also involved in many committees within the Church. She was President of St. Vincent DePaul Society, a member of the Bereavement Committee, and the CCW and Faith Formation. Being very creative led Pat to her love of creating and crafting, whether it was quilting, crochet, sewing, or cooking she was always ready to learn and teach her craft to others. Pat also led a Craft group, Silver

Liners and Prayer Warriors. The craft group every month for a craft day at the church to discuss new projects, patterns, and ideas. For her dedication and great service to St. Stephen, Pat also received the Gartland Award. Pat is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Daniel S. Sippel, Sr.; sons, Daniel S. Sippel, Jr. (Carole) and Kenneth B. Sippel (Elizabeth); grandsons, Matthew T. Sippel (Leah) and Hunter J. Sippel; granddaughters, Caroline A. Ayala and Shai A. Crowe; great grandson, Matthew A. Ayala and several other extended family members and friends. Those who wish to remember Pat in a special way, can make donations in her memory to Hospice Savannah, Inc., 1352 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31406. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 6:00 until 7:00 PM with the Vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM at the Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home Chapel in Flemington. The funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Saint Stephen Catholic Church. A committal service was held later in the day at 1:00 PM at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville. The Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home, Flemington, handled all the arrangements.

**HOBART "Bart" SMITH** - Died Monday, January 23, 2024 at his residence in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 15, 1936 in Williamson, West Virginia to the late Howard and Bytha (née White) Miller. Bart served in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps for 20 years after which he worked as a metal worker for Reynolds Metal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061** in Harrisonburg, and member of Cedar Run Church of the Brethren in Broadway. On December 31, 1975, he married Barbara Zirk Smith who survives. He is also survived by a daughter, Jeannie S. Wise and husband Steve, of St. Matthews SC, son, Bart E. Smith and partner Anne Mulvihill of Buxton NC; grandson, Brad Wise and wife Jessica of St. Matthews SC; granddaughter, Brandy Hallman and husband Jamie of Orangeburg SC, great grandchildren, Dalton Wise, Austin Wise, Waylon Wise, Ashton Hallman, great great-grandson, Xander Wise; Sister-in-law, Charlotte B. Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews; and the mother of his children, Joyce Gail Smoke of Saint Matthews, SC. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a twin brother, Howard Smith. Per his wishes, his body was cremated. Pastor Ken Fox conducted a Memorial service at 11:00 AM on Saturday January 27, 2024 at the Cedar Run Church of the Brethren near Broadway. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1477, Harrisonburg VA 22803. Special thanks to Legacy Hospice and special caregiver Charles Harris for their care of Bart.

**JOSEPH T. SNABLE, SR.** - Died Friday, August 11, 2017 in Brick, New Jersey at the age of 73, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Joseph was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey on June 26, 1944 to the late Walter and Minnie Snable. Joseph proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, becoming a Disabled American Veteran due to Agent Orange. After being honorably discharged from the military, Joseph became a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal. He soon after relocated to Atlantic Highlands, where he would continue his education at Brookdale College and the Union Technical Institute. Until his retirement, Joseph was the owner and operator of Joe's Auto in Atlantic Highlands. Along with his wife, they relocated to Brick, NJ four years ago. He was the past president of the Atlantic Highlands Lion's Club, a life member of the Veterans Affairs and a current member of the VFW Post #8867, Brick, NJ. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

**of America – Brick Chapter #200.** Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Virginia “Ginny” Lahr Snable, by his son Joseph J. Snable and his wife Lori of Shrewsbury, NJ and by the joy of his life his grandchildren, Patrick and Alexandra Snable. Joseph is also survived by his brothers, Doug Snable and Walter “Skip” Snable and his wife Edna; by his sister and brother-in-law Maureen and John Glynn; and by his nieces, Shauna, Ashley and Amanda. The family received relatives and friends for a memorial gathering on Monday, August 14, 2017 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM with a 4:30 PM religious service at Colonial Funeral Home, 2170 Highway 88, Brick, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Joseph’s memory to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #20 – 1810 Lanes Mill Road Brick, NJ 08724.

**WILLIAM EDWARD “Bill” SNYDER** - Died Monday, January 22, 2024 at his residence in Newark, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1950 in Newark, Ohio to the late Milon Norman and Virginia M. (née Vogel) Snyder. A graduate of Newark High School class of 1968, Mr. Snyder served honorably in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55*. Survivors include his daughter, Angie Holman of Houston, TX; sisters, Karen Smith of Pataskala and Sue (David) Neudecker of Newark; and a grandchild, Virginia Johnson. A graveside service was held at 10:30 AM on Friday, February 9, 2024 at the Cedar Hill Cemetery. The Licking County Veteran’s Alliance provided Military Funeral Honors. The Vensil and Chute Funeral Home – Newark, 1850 West Main Street, Newark assisted with the arrangements.



**ALFRED M. SOARES** - Died Sunday, February 11, 2024 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 77. He was a resident of Fall River. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Soares was born in Fall River on May 10, 1946 to the late Alfred and Georgianna (née Mareira) Soares and had been a lifelong resident of the city. He was the husband of Pauline L. (née Gagnon) Soares. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served his country in the United States Army. Prior to retirement, he worked as an assembler for General Motors. He was an avid New England sports fan and a member of the Fall River Elks Club #118. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207* and a lifetime member of the VFW Ouellette Post #8502, Westport. Survivors along with his wife include his son: Andrew Soares of NH; his daughter: Alison Lurvey of CT; 4 step-sons: Jeffrey Souza and his wife Julie of VA, Brian Souza of Westport, William "Billy" Souza and his wife Karen of Westport and Gerald Souza of AL; his step-daughter: Jennifer Bresnen and her husband Cory of IL; sister; Kathleen Frizado of Fall River; along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Graveside service to which relatives and friends were invited was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Oak Grove Cemetery, Fall River at 11:00 AM. Memorial visitation was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the Potter Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the V.F.W. Ouellette Post #8502, P.O. Box 1498, Westport, MA 02790.



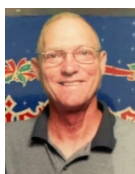
**CARL JAMES STEDHAM** - Died Friday, September 22, 2023 in Gadsden, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Carl was born on March 9, 1948 in Gadsden to the late Amos I. Stedham, Sr. and Georgia Kathleen (née Thrasher) Stedham. He graduated in 1966 from Emma Sansom High School. He attended Jacksonville State University, University of Berkeley, and Tampa University. He served in the United States Air Force for 6 years and 4 years in the Alabama Air National Guard. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He retired from RGIS Inventory Service in 2007 after 36 years of service. At retirement, he was Vice President of the Southeast Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Carl loved being with his family and friends. He also enjoyed Alabama football and golf. His favorite activity was Bible study with JP and Frances Lipscomb. He was a member of First Baptist Church Ashville and was ordained as a deacon on January 03, 2021. He started a ministry for his church to assist veterans, not only in his church family but reaching out to several counties in Alabama and other states. He assisted veterans and their widows to apply for benefits they may deserve. When a veteran would call and advise they had received VA compensation for issues related to their service to their country, he would smile and tell them, "You deserve this for defending your country." The Veterans Ministry gave him more joy and satisfaction than any other goals or accomplishments he made during his lifetime. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Amos I Stedham, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Brenda (née Cornutt) Stedham; sisters, Kathy (Chuck) Stedham Isbill, Brenda Stedham Sprayberry; sister in law, Susan Stedham; niece, Christy (Ronnie) Linginfelter; nephews, Tripp (Rachel) Stedham, Dr. K Clay (Cathy) Ellis, L Jaye (Nichole) Ellis; great nieces, Brittany (Zack) Ellison, Payton (Jake Grogan-fiance) Linginfelter, Sadie Marie, and Ana Grace Stedham, Dr. Cynthia (Dr. Mark) Hill, Dr. Catherine (Dr. Bryant) Haynie, Dr. Cantrell (Jared) Lowe, Alyssa and Katlyne Grace Ellis; great nephew, Colten Jaye Ellis; 10 great great nieces and nephews; goddaughter, Kristen (Andrew) Morrison; godsons, Kyle Largin, Alex and Jonathan Lusco; special friends Rhonda and Michael Lusco, Kelley and Butch Largin. The pallbearers were Butch Largin, Jonathan Lusco, Alex Lusco, Kyle Largin, Tripp Stedham, Dr. Mark Hill, Dr. Bryant Haynie, and Jared Lowe. The honorary pallbearers were all veterans that Carl had assisted. The family would like to express special gratitude to Dr. Godby, Dr. Gosta, and Dr. Ye as well as the VA. Also special thanks to Amedysis Hospice Care specialist, Tyler, Brittany, and Felicia. The family will accept flowers or memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church Ashville Building Fund, PO Box 579, Ashville, AL 35953 A visitation was held on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM at the Collier Butler Funeral Home with a service at 2:00 PM. The burial was in the Rainbow Memorial Gardens with military honors in Gadsden, AL. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.collier-butler.com](http://www.collier-butler.com) for the Stedham family.

**LEIGH N. STEINKE** – Died Friday, November 17, 2023 in Sugar Land, Texas at the age of 85. He was formerly of Houston, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 29, 1938. He served in the United States Army as a helicopter mechanic in Vietnam.

He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He worked as Senior Supervisor for General Motors for 37 years before retiring to Florida in 1993. He is survived by his two sons and daughter-in-law, David and Whitney Steinke and Robert Williamson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and San Whitaker and Sharon and Bruce Shields, and; twelve grandchildren. Leigh was predeceased by his first wife, Nancy Steinke and also his second wife, Alive Steinke. Funeral services were held on December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Services were entrusted to Hiers-Baxkey Funeral Services, 3975 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages, Florida.

**DENNIS L. STINER** – Died Sunday, December 17, 2023 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clearfield on April 20, 1950. He is survived by his sister, Ida Evans, of Clearfield. He served in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**.

**PETER NICKOLAS STOYIAS** - Died Friday, December 22, 2023 in Saint Charles, Illinois at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 5, 1945 to the late Harry and Rose (née Lilles) Stoyias. He was the dear brother of Dorothy Stoyias, Cynthia (William) Kopelares and Janet (the late George J.) Lykos; fond uncle of Laine (Tony) Adrian, Joanna (Todd) Reykjalin, Leah (Jeffrey) Solzak, James G. (Audra) Lykos and Robert (Nikki) Lykos, and; great uncle of many nieces, nephews and godchildren. Peter served in the United States Army with the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division in the Signal Corps in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 where he received a Vietnam Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. He was a friend to many who came through his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**. Visitation was held on Friday, December 29, 2023 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the Kolbus-May Funeral Home, 6857 West Higgins Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656. The Funeral Service was on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 West Winona Street, Chicago, IL 60625. The interment was in the Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church or the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 would be appreciated.



**PAUL EDWARD STROESSNER** - Died Thursday at home in Deltona, Florida at the age of 74. He was formerly of Warwick, Rhode Island. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 2, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Cecelia (née Tierney) Stroessner and Vincent Stroessner, Paul was loved by every person (and dog) who met him. Paul graduated from Saint Thomas Aquinas in Brooklyn. He volunteered to enter the United States Army and served in Vietnam with Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division from 1966-1967 and Fort Dix 1967-1968. For his bravery, Paul was awarded the Bronze Star of Valor and a Purple Heart. Thanks to his sister Clare (Brissette) introducing him to Janice Bourgeois, Paul and Janice fell in love and were married on Valentine's Day in 1970, and were married for 51 years. Settling down in Providence, RI, then Warwick, RI, Paul worked for New England Telephone from 1970-1991. He then graduated from Sawyer School as a Medical Assistant, and worked as a

Medical Assistant from 1994-1996. Paul also coached baseball at West Side Little League in Warwick, RI. Upon retirement, Paul and Janice moved to Deltona, FL. Paul was an extremely talented artist. He also thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and military brothers and sisters. Paul was also a lifetime member of the First Cav. Division Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. Paul was predeceased by his parents Vincent and Cecelia (Tierney) Stroessner, and siblings Vincent, Anne (McDonald), and Clare (Brissette). He is survived, and will forever be remembered by his wife Janice Stroessner of Deltona, FL, his children Paul Edward Stroessner, Jr. of Portsmouth, RI, Tracy Stroessner (Whalen) of Mansfield, MA, and Eric and his wife Lisa (Vincent) of North Kingstown, RI, his grandchildren Matthew Whalen and Megan Whalen, as well as his brother Walter of Parker, CO, and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM in Saint Peter Church, 350 Fair Street, Warwick, RI. The burial with military honors was at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Wounded Warrior Project - <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>. To leave condolence messages, please visit [www.barrettandcotter.com](http://www.barrettandcotter.com).



**GEORGE Y. SUZUKI** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kapehu, Hawaii on October 19, 1930 to the late James K. and Mildred T. Suzuki and he graduated from Laupahoehoe High School in 1948. He joined the Hawaii National Guard in 1948 and served until drafted by the United States Army on May 1952. He served continuously in the US Army until July 1975 and retired from active duty with rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant (E-8). 1SG Suzuki is survived by seven children, Steven Suzuki of Denison, Texas, daughters, Yvonne and husband, Sanders Shaffer of Newcastle, Oklahoma, Linda Solomon and husband, Dewayne of Del City, Oklahoma, William Poskey and wife, Roxann of Austin, Texas, Michael and Jennifer Poskey of Tallahassee, Florida, James Poskey of Lawton, and Donna Poskey of Medicine Park, Oklahoma., and nine grandchildren, Jonathan Suzuki of Denison, Texas, Benjamin and Zachary Solomon of Del City, Michael Poskey of Houston, Texas, Tim Poskey and wife, Shirree of Phoenix, Arizona, Anna Gutierrez and husband, Richard of Tallahassee, Florida, Louis Poskey of Tallahassee, Florida, Samantha Williams and Whitney Poskey of Lawton, Oklahoma. and seven great grandchildren. Also survived by one brother, Stanley of Los Angeles, California, favorite niece, Keiko Chichibu of Los Angeles and very special friends Nori Kassik and Pat Powell of Lawton, Diane Felsing and Suzie Staton all of Duncan and Billy and Kathy Solomon of Marlow Oklahoma and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty in April 2012, his parents, older brother, Eugene Suzuki and sister, Mabel Shimabukuro, and younger brothers, Richard Suzuki and Herbert Suzuki, who was killed in action in Korea in July 1950 at age 17. He was a proud and dedicated veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars serving two tours in Vietnam, four in Germany (Bamberg, Straubing, Kaiserlauten, and Babenhausen), two at Fort Sill, one in Fort Hood, Texas, one in Camp Hanford, Washington, and one at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. His

decorations include: Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army commendation Medal with "V" Device, ARCOM (3), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Air Medal, Vietnam Honor Medal second class, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm, Good conduct medal (4), Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), and Foreign Service medal and many more. After his retirement from the US Army, he was employed by U.S. Civil Service from 1976 to 1993, where he was inducted into the honorable order of Saint Barbara and retired as a GS-12 while with the Field Artillery Board. He received numerous commendations and incentive awards while employed by the Civil Service. After his retirement from Civil Service, he was employed as a Training developer by several defense contractors during 1993 to 2004 to include: Computer Data Systems Inc., ACS as System Analyst, Eagle systems and Services, Inc., and with Telos Oklahoma as a System Analyst and Training Specialist for the Field Artillery Tactical Data systems. He was inducted into the Fort Sill Veterans Wall of Honor and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. He was a 100% disabled Veteran and life member of the American Legion Post #29, *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Lawton Chapter #751*, Combat Infantryman Association (CIBA) Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts 5263 and 1193, AARP, and Disabled American Veteran (DAV). He was also a past member of AMVETS Post #10 and the Masonic Lodge. He was immensely proud of his service to his country, and he displayed his pride by always wearing a US Army veteran service cap. He enjoyed playing golf, table games and pinochle with his many friends, traveling, country western dancing and Casino gambling. He was known to be an exceptional dancer and attended dances at least three times a week. He managed to make five "holes in one" and a "double eagle" while playing golf. He was a "workaholic" and after his retirement from government service he did lots of volunteer work for his service organizations by helping veterans, neighbors and friends with lawn work and other menial tasks. He could never say "NO" and never refused a request for help, especially from the aged neighbors, veterans, widows, and handicapped people in Lawton and Duncan. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching golf, football (OU and Dallas), OK Thunder basketball, baseball, tennis and other sports that were televised. Even at his elderly age (87) and remarkable physical condition, he continued his volunteer efforts wherever help was needed. He also loved to travel to foreign countries and go on cruises and visiting casinos in Oklahoma and all over the US. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. The burial with full military Honors was held at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The family greeted friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com) or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a veteran's charity.



**JAMES A. "Jim" SWEIKATA** - Died Saturday, February 3, 2024 at home in Montgomery, New York at the age of 83. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 1, 1940 in Middletown, New York to the late Adam and Dorothy Sweikata. He was raised, and lived in Montgomery his entire life. After graduating from Montgomery High School



in 1958, he raced at the Montgomery Dragstrip for a few years and then entered the United States Navy for four years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. Afterwards he started his 30-year career as a UPS driver where he met his future wife, Johanna, while delivering a package in Newburgh. While their family grew to five he enjoyed playing softball for Freehills, Hillside, and Empire House. Then as the family continued to grow again through marriage and grandkids he began racing again in his front engine dragster for over 25 years. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and drove for the cancer society to bring patients to their appointments. He was a member of the American Legion in Montgomery and the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy and Adam, as well as his siblings Gail, Arthur, and Theresa. He is survived by his wife, Johanna of 57 years and his sister Mary and brother-in-law John. As well as his children James Edward and Samantha, Adam and Daniella, JoAnn and Chris; his grandchildren Adam James, Christopher, Caroline, Jennifer, Jake, and Lexie, as well as many cousins, nephews, and nieces. Visitation took place on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 PM and again from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Overhiser Funeral Home, 78 Union Street, Montgomery, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Holy Name of Mary Church, 89 Union Street, Montgomery, NY. The burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society or any Veterans Service Organization of your choice.

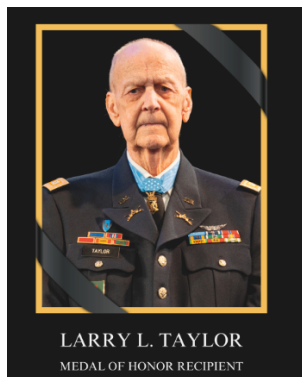


**GEORGE F. TAYLOR** – Died Thursday, February 8, 2024 in Haddonfield, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of was Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on May 19, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Lynn (née DeSanto); loving father of Dr. Greg Taylor (Dana) and Jeff Taylor; proud grandfather of Griffin Taylor, and; also survived by his brother, Ricky Lee Taylor and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins. George lived an extraordinary life of service to others. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the United States Air Force. Upon returning, he joined the NJ State Police where he spent the next 20 years serving and protecting others. He was a pillar of his community where he was a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, member of the Kiwanis Club of Berlin where he served as president and was a VFW member. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. George acted as the Fire commissioner for Winslow Township, was an officer of the Winslow Township Business Association and was selected to run for Camden County Freeholder. George volunteered countless hours as a little league baseball coach and acted as the secretary for the Winslow Township Athletic Association. Later in life George rekindled his love of baseball by playing and on numerous senior baseball and softball teams where he was considered an elite player. In addition to his career in the NJ State Police, George used his passion for health and fitness to open Shapes to Come Spa and Fitness Center where he helped others improve their health and made many lasting friendships. Later he was an entrepreneur in the development of Taylor Woods Apartments in Winslow Township. Relatives and friends were invited to the Visitation on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Bradley Funeral Home, Route 73 and Evesham Road, Marlton, NJ. The Memorial Service was at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of

flowers, memorial donations may be made in George's name to the Michael J. Fox Foundation ([www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)).



**GREGORY C. "Greg" TAYLOR** - Died Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 63. He was a resident of Knoxville, Iowa and formerly of Charlton Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Greg was born on July 20, 1949 in Ottumwa, Iowa to the late Howard and Yvonne (née Jones) Taylor. He received his education from Chariton High School graduating in 1969. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970. Greg was a member of the Knoxville VFW, DAV and American Legion Post #168. He was a volunteer driver for the DAV, helping get veterans to Des Moines for medical care. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. Greg enjoyed fishing, kayaking, hunting and his dogs. He enjoyed visiting with people. Greg is survived by his wife Mary Taylor of Knoxville, seven siblings; Dorothy Huffman of Ottumwa, Tom Stover of Viola, Ark, Gary Harwood of Alvin, TX, Larry Jack of Grinnell, Violet Collier of Viola, Ark, Pearl Venatar and Alice Neil, both of Ottumwa. His parents and his first wife Beverly Taylor preceded him in death. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 AM at the funeral home. The interment was in the Chariton Cemetery following the service. Memorials may be given to the family, which will be designated at a later date



**LARRY LOWE TAYLOR** - Died Sunday, January 28, 2024 in Signal Mountain, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 12, 1942 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Robert L. Taylor and Frances L. Taylor. After attending McCallie School before graduating Chattanooga City High School, he joined the United States Army Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Upon graduating in June 1966, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve before joining the regular Army in August 1966, volunteering to serve his country as an armor officer. After completing training at the U.S. Army Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Taylor felt better suited to be a pilot. Having already obtained a fixed-wing pilot's license prior to joining the Army, he thought that experience would make it easier to master the rotary-wing. After

graduating from the Army's Primary Helicopter School at Fort Wolters, Texas, Taylor would go on to helicopter training at Fort Rucker, Alabama where he qualified as an Army aviator in June 1967. Taylor served in Vietnam from August 1967 to August 1968, first flying a Bell UH-1 "Huey" helicopter before being reassigned to pilot one of the first Bell AH1-G Cobra attack helicopters used in combat during the Vietnam War. As a member of D Troop (Air), 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Taylor flew more than 2,000 combat missions, was engaged by enemy fire 340 times, and was forced down five times. During his one-year tour, he received 56 combat decorations, including a Silver Star for his heroic action on June 18, 1968. His action was deemed worthy of further recognition and was upgraded to the Medal of Honor. On September 5, 2023, he would receive the award from the President of the United States at a White House ceremony. He also was worthy of a Bronze Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 44 Air Medals, and several other medals and commendations over the course of his career, including the Republic of Vietnam's Gallantry Cross. Taylor concluded his military service as a Captain with the 2nd Armored Cavalry in West Germany. After the Army, Taylor operated a successful roofing and sheet metal company (Lookout Sheet Metal Company) in Chattanooga. He was heavily involved with the Military Officers Association of America – Chattanooga Chapter, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203*, American Legion - Post #14 and several other veterans' organizations. Larry was also a member of St. Elmo Avenue Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. Taylor and Frances L. Taylor; and grandparents: Harry T. and Etta K. Taylor and Howard B. and Carrie G. Lowe. Survivors include his wife of over 50 years, Toni B. Taylor; two Sons, Larry T. Hough of Knoxville, TN and Grady T. Hough (Nancy) of Reston, VA; sister, Barbara T. Lemley (Glenn) of Hixson, Tenn.; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Larry Taylor Exhibit Fund at the Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center, P.O. Box 11467, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37401 or online at <https://www.mohhc.org>. Those who wish to pay Tribute, Respect and Honor the life and legacy of Medal of Honor Recipient Captain Larry L. Taylor may do so by signing a special condolence book at the Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center, 2 West Aquarium Way - Suite #104, Chattanooga, TN. through 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Captain Taylor was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with a closed Memorial Service at 2:00 PM at the Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center. The family extended an invitation to all Veterans, Veterans Groups and Associations, as well as the General Public, to help honor and pay tribute to Captain Taylor by lining the streets as his procession departs the Heritage Center at approximately 2:45 PM and travel down Market Street, East MLK Boulevard and Holtzclaw Avenue to his final resting place in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The Committal Service with full United States Military Honors for Captain Taylor was scheduled for 3:30 PM at the Armed Forces Pavilion in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The service concluded with a 21-gun salute, an Army Apache helicopter flyover and the playing of Echo Taps. A private graveside service for the family was held afterwards. The arrangements were entrusted to the Lane Funeral Home, 601 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, TN; <https://www.lanefh.com>.



**DAVID B. TEST** - Died Saturday morning, July 22, 2023 at home in Dunkirk, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fredonia, New York on September 10, 1947 to the late Marjorie and William Test. He was a 1967 graduate of Brocton High School. He served two years in the United States Army, including a one-year tour in Vietnam. After serving in the Army, he was employed by Special Metals of Dunkirk and retired after 39 years. He was a volunteer member for the Brocton Fire Department for 14 years and is an exempt fireman. His memberships include *Life Memberships* to the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frewsburg Chapter #978** and the VFW Post #6390 of Sheridan. Additionally, he was a member of the American Legion Post #62 of Dunkirk. David enjoyed spending time with family, especially his grandchildren; as well as old cars and car shows, putting together model cars, crossword puzzles, fishing, gaming, traveling, and watching westerns. Survivors include his devoted and loving wife of 28 years, AnnMarie (née DiPalma) Test; brothers, Richard Test of Dunkirk and Ernest Test of Kentucky; four children, Denise (Matthew) Hitzges, Larissa (Philip) Vallett, Lucas (Katie) Hall and Chad Test; as well as eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Roberta J. Test; his sister, Marjorie Bannister of Portland; and three brothers, Ronald Test of Brocton, Raymond Test of Portland and Robert Test of Dunkirk. At David's request, funeral services were private with no prior visitation. The burial was in Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Sheridan. The arrangements were made by the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home, 736 Central Avenue in Dunkirk.



**LOUIS JOSEPH "Joe" TESTA** – Died Sunday, December 26, 2021 in West Warwick, Rhode Island at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on December 14, 1945 to the late Louis Testa and Felicia (née Dart) Testa. He was rooted personally and professionally in Providence, Rhode Island. He liked to live life like he drove his Harley - fast. Growing up he would bring life to the streets of Providence with his boisterous personality and infectious smile. He was continually hustling and making new friends everywhere he went. His charisma and tenacity were something that could get him out of tight spots...well most of them. He courageously fought in the United States Army during the Vietnam War for two years and received the Bronze Star for bravery in battle. After the war, he received his undergraduate degree at the University of Rhode Island and got his master's from Salve Regina. He continued onto a career focused on community improvement and was dedicated to positively influencing the lives of others. At the height of his career, he was the Executive Director of Nickerson Community Center, one of the oldest community centers in Rhode Island. He pioneered countless innovative programs for Veterans, adults, youths, and the elderly. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island**. In his adult life, he

first married Shirley (née Volante) Testa and had two children, Lauren Testa and Nicholas Testa. He later married Kerry Hall-Testa and had a third child, Ana Felicia Testa. He was also a loving grandpa to his two grandchildren, Haley and Silas. Whether it was coaching sports, going on vacations, or being the Girl Scout cookie dad, he remained a presence in his family's lives. We celebrate the vibrant life of Louis "Joe" Testa and raise a glass to the legacy he left. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 PM at Avery Storti Funeral Home located at 88 Columbia Street, Wakefield, RI.



**RONALD J. "Ron" THERIAULT** - Died peacefully Friday, January 26, 2024 in the comfort of his home in Leominster, Massachusetts at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada on April 30, 1953 to the late Romeo J. and Annete J. (née Madore) Theriault. He graduated from Van Buren District High School in Van Buren, ME with the Class of 1973. Ron served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1974 to 1979, where he received the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a water meter technician employed by the City of Leominster for 30 years prior to his retirement. Ron had many ways of spending his retirement. He was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4577, Lodge of Elks #1237, the Wilder Masonic Lodge, the Leominster Sportsman's Club, and a member of the Sterling Sportsman Club. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116*. When he wasn't found in his garage working on his flawlessly manicured mustangs, or in his backyard on his tractor, he would grab his close friends and attempt to perfect his aim by spending time sending a few rounds down range. Ron was also the founder and curator of The Leominster's Scouting Museum which serves as an engaging and interactive environment for visitors to experience New England's Scouting throughout the years. Ron is survived by his son, Andrew Theriault and his husband Peter of Maryland; two grandchildren, Alexis Theriault and her fiancé Dylan Surma of Virginia, and Jacob Glicas of Virginia; three brothers, Conrad Theriault and his wife Rose of Wisconsin, Guy Theriault and his wife Gisele of Maine and Rudy Theriault of Colorado; two sisters, Gay Bernier and her husband Mitchel of Maine and Gisele Minelli and her husband Jim of New York; a daughter-in-law, Crystal Theriault of Virginia; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife of 36 years, Martha "Sam" J. (née Anderson) Theriault, who died in 2014; two brothers, Daniel and Roger Theriault; and a sister, Lynn Smith. Graveside services were held in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Please reference in memory of Ronald J. Theriault.



**WALTER D. "Skip" THOMPSON** - Died passed away Monday July 24, 2023 at the Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, New York at the age of 76. He was a resident of Mayfield, New York and formerly of Northville, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1947 to the late Wendell and Ola (née Weaver) Thompson. He was a United States Army Veteran serving from 1967 to 1970. Skip was employed as a Highway Maintenance Supervisor with NYS Department of Transportation for 32 years retiring January 19, 2002. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**, Northville Fireman Association, Free and Accepted Mason Lodge #298, Cypress Shriner – Valley of Schenectady, Bats Bay Productions, the Zoning Board of Appeals, a trustee of the King – Northampton Cemetery and member of the Mayfield Serviceman's Club. Survivors include his wife; Linda (née Robinson) Thompson of Northville whom he married on August 31, 1974. On son; Christopher W. Thompson and his wife Jessica. Grandchildren; Kaydence and Karsyn. One sister; Patricia Thompson Zanella. Family and friends were invited to visitation on Saturday July 29, 2023 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Northville Funeral Home where a funeral service was held at 1:00 PM. The burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Foundation or the Northville Central School (Musical Instrument Fund). Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.northvillefuneralservice.com](http://www.northvillefuneralservice.com).

**GEORGE R. THOMSON** – Died Thursday, October 19, 2023 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 4, 1951 in Fukuoka-shi, Japan to the late George and Kiyoko Thomson. He was a proud United States Marine from 1969 to 1971, a role he embraced with the utmost dedication and conviction. This fact remained central to his identity, a source of personal pride that radiated in his everyday interactions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He graduated from Clarence High School and devoted his life to construction work. His last employment was with William C. Rott in Tonawanda, NY, from where he retired. In his leisure, George found tranquility in the simple pleasure of fishing. George is survived by several good friends who will undoubtedly miss his warm presence. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Kiyoko Thomson. A private burial was held in the Western New York National Cemetery in Corfu, NY honoring George's wishes. The arrangements were made by the Ross Funeral Home of Akron, LLC. We invite those who knew George to share memories and upload photos to his memorial page.



**DONALD L. TOCCI** - Died peacefully on Tuesday February 20, 2024 in Stoneham, Massachusetts at the age of 77, surrounded by his family at home. He was 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 5, 1946. Donald proudly served his country;

including two tours in Vietnam as a United States Navy SEAL. He received a Purple Heart and the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor. He was a Burlington High School teacher and a Hall of Fame swim coach. After retiring he was a proud owner of Burlington Scuba. Donald also volunteered for many organizations including the Rotary Club, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, a devoted VFW member and past commander of Post #620 and the Navy SEAL Associations New England chapter. Donald made a lasting impact on all those who knew him. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tewksbury Chapter #837*. Donald is the beloved husband of Bodil (née Oftedah) Tocci. He is the devoted father of Stephanie Chersonson and her husband Michael. Donald is the cherished grandfather of Ella Chersonson. He is the loving brother of Geraldine Carlin and her husband Daniel, JoAnn Desmond and the late Carl Paul Tocci. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends were kindly invited to gather and share memories with Donald's family on Tuesday February 27, 2024 in the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main Street (Route 28) Stoneham from 3:00 to 8:00 PM. A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at the Glenwood Cemetery, Washington Avenue, Everett at 11:00 AM. All were invited to attend. Please consider in lieu of flowers donations in memory of Donald to The Navy SEAL Foundation [www.navysealfoundation.org](http://www.navysealfoundation.org).

**TYRONE VINCENT TODD** – Died Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of Valley Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 12, 1949 to the late Vincent David and Ruth Esther (née Cook) Todd. Tyrone was also blessed with a bonus mother in Carolyn Irene Todd. He received his education in the Philadelphia Public Schools and later joined the United States Military serving in the United States Army where he was Honorably Discharged receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Sharpshooter M-5 and Sharpshooter M-14. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266*. He was gainfully employed as a Police Ranger. Todd enjoyed all of the Philadelphia Sports teams, Phillies, 76ers and EAGLES. He was very active and outgoing. He leaves a great legacy and fond memories to be cherished by his children: Komunyakha Todd and Tiombe Todd, seven grandchildren: Robert, Shati, Kianna, Selena, Lazarus, Tarig and Elijah, five great-grandchildren: Lucian, Leveenia, Raven, Aria and Camri, two sisters: Deborah Todd and Karen Todd Jenkins and her husband Larry and a host of nieces, nephews, cousin and friends. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by one brother: Anthony Todd. There was a family greeting hour at the Emmett Golden Hunt Memorial Chapel, 427 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 on Friday, May 26, 2023, from 11:00 AM until time of services. Live-Stream of the service was available at 12:00 Noon on the Facebook Page of the Emmett Golden Hunt Memorial Chapel.



**DAVID RONALD "Ronnie" "DR" TONEY** - Died Monday, January 22, 2024 at his residence in Fayetteville, West Virginia at the age of 73, with his family by his side. The cause of

death was lung disease. David was born in Carlisle, West Virginia on September 29, 1953 to the late Alfred Toney and Elsie Toney. He was also predeceased by his sister Linda Cooper. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 47 years, Sharon Toney, daughters Michelle Romani, Amanda Davis and husband Josh; Krystal Honaker and husband Charlie; son David Toney; son-in-law Dr. Livio Romani; grandchildren Lucia, Giulia, Blake, Kaden, Brooklyn, Maxx, Gage, and Lexi; siblings Alfred Toney (Mary), Darrell Toney (Bev), Sue Lively, and Pat Everett, along with several nieces and nephews. He enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 19 and served with distinction in the Vietnam War. He dedicated his time to volunteer work as a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860* and other community organizations. You could find him in the woods hunting or on the riverbank fishing with his grandsons and brother. He loved to cut a rug and tell a joke; his laugh was contagious. His three daughters were his world and that love carried over to his grandchildren. He took every opportunity to spend time with his family and friends, and never hesitated to help others when needed. In August of 2019, he had a lung transplant, and this beautiful gift gave him an additional four years and five months of life to spend with his loved ones. Funeral services were conducted at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the e Funeral Home in Oak Hill with Pastor Jackie Pittman officiating. The burial was at Gethsemane Memorial Gardens in Oak Hill. Visitation for friends was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in Oak Hill. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.tyreefuneralhome.com](http://www.tyreefuneralhome.com). The family of David Toney was cared for by Tyree Funeral Home, Oak Hill.



**LAWRENCE N. "Larry" TURBAK** - Died Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Avantara Watertown in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 87, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born in Watertown on April 6, 1935, the ninth of the late Albert and Anna (née Schweinfurt) Turbak's twelve children. He attended Holy Rosary School in Kranzburg and graduated from Watertown High School in 1953. Following graduation, he and his brother Butch formed the Turbak Brothers Mink Ranch which was Larry's career until his retirement. Larry married Gay Limberg at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kranzburg on September 9, 1961 and were blessed with five children. Gay passed away in 2011 and Larry remained living in Kranzburg until he moved to Avantara Watertown, where he resided for the past five years. His roots in Kranzburg and his family were very important to him. Larry loved the outdoors and when he wasn't working, he could be found out hunting, fishing or camping with friends and family. Oh, the stories he told of those times! He bowled with his dad and brothers on the Turbak Brothers bowling team, and other teams over the years, and earned several State bowling titles himself. He was proud of the many awards earned by the Turbak Bros. Mink Ranch for their top-quality mink pelts that were sold across the U.S. and even internationally. In 1957, Larry was part of a group of men (including his dad and a couple of his brothers) who came up with the idea for



Kranzburg to host a celebration for the 4th of July – an annual tradition that has continued for years! In the late 1950's, while in basic training for the National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Larry became an avid fan of the Saint Louis Cardinals, a passion he passed along to several of his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Larry was also a staunch supporter of Watertown Arrow Athletics and was proud to have earned the nickname "Crazy Legs" and being named Chief of the Arrows his senior year by his football teammates. In his later years, "Grandpa Larry" could be found cheering on the Arrows at many sporting events, or the loudest fan at any event one of his grandkids was a part of, and attending American Legion Baseball games every summer. Anyone that knew Larry could count on his teasing banter and giggle to put a smile on their face. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Larry is survived by his children: Scott (Shelly) Turbak of Watertown, Lynn (Greg) Moser of Yankton, SD, Janet (Jeff) Huber of Menno, SD, and Sherry (Lonnie) Kleinsasser of Watertown, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, his daughter Janel Simonsen, granddaughter Brooke Ann Moser, his parents, five brothers and six sisters. He was the last living child of the Turbak 12. Visitation was held from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel, with a Rosary at 7:00 PM and a time of sharing to follow. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM on Friday December 9, 2022 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kranzburg with Reverend Father Christopher Hughes officiating with organist Eileen Lindner and soloist LeRoy Mack. The burial was in the Holy Rosary Cemetery. The pallbearers were Larry's grandsons, Tyler Turbak, Nick Simonsen, and Brayden Kleinsasser and grandsons-in-law, Mike Byer, Austin Koenig, Spencer Neuharth, and Spencer Hauge. The honorary pallbearers were Larry's granddaughters, Megan Byer, Kelsey and Rebecca Moser, Alyssa Hauge, Shelby and Madison Huber and granddaughters-in-law, Maria Turbak and Sammi Brink.

**JOSEPH A. WATSON** – Died recently in 2023 in Andalusia, Alabama at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 10, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**.



**DOUGLAS ALAN "Doug" WEHLRE** - Died Saturday, January 27, 202 in Alexandria, Kentucky at the age of 75. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born in Covington, Kentucky on November 13, 1948 to the late Helen (née Zint) Wehrle and Lawrence Wehrle. Doug was a proud brother to his siblings, Kathy, and Larry. After graduating from Highlands (Class of '66), he bravely served his country in the United States Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division during the Vietnam War, earning numerous accolades, including the Purple Heart. Returning home to Fort Thomas, Doug met and married Jeanne Heckel, his wife of over 50 years. They built their lives together in Alexandria, Kentucky where he became a proud father and coach to two daughters, Nicole and Sarah, and their numerous cherished pets. He truly valued family and enjoyed any opportunity to gather or travel together. His dedication extended to his parish, Saint Mary's, and his role as an Honor Guard with the Alexandria VFW, Post #3205. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – LZ Blue Grass (Alexandria) Chapter #88.** Doug’s long career with the IRS was marked by strong friendships, notably his bowling league, the Sparetimers. Retirement allowed Doug to delve deeper into hobbies as a talented woodworker, skilled gardener, and avid bird watcher. Not to mention his passion for cheering on the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. His tool-time expertise led him to pick up a second act at Home Depot, where he assisted many more with project advice. Doug leaves behind his beloved wife, Jeanne, and daughters Sarah (Chris and Iris) Wehrle and Nicole (Nick) Rauer, who will forever cherish his memory. Visitation was held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Saint Mary’s Church, 8246 East Main Street, Alexandria, KY from 9:00-10:30 AM followed by the Mass of Christian Burial and Honor Guard ceremony. A gathering of friends and family followed immediately after Mass in the undercroft. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, C/O Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #88 LZ Bluegrass, P O Box 188, Alexandria, KY 41001 in Doug's honor.



**CLELIE MARIE (née Crawford) WELCH** – Died Monday, June 26, 2023 in Casco, Maine at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Clelie was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on March 17, 1947 to the late Allen F. Crawford and Clelie N. Crawford and was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 children. She graduated from Saint Anthony High School. She was an active member of the Girl Scouts of America beginning her lifelong skill set to help others, where she was a Co-master and camp counselor and was honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award, their highest achievement. She joined the United States Air Force and while serving her country met the love of her life, Bradford Welch. The two were married for over 44 years and made their home in Casco. Clelie worked for Fairpoint Communications as an engineer until she retired. She and Bradford shared their love of hunting and fly fishing. Clelie was a sharpshooter for Partridge at Nesowadnehunk Campground, one of their favorite places to go. In recent years, Clelie’s Kitchen was formed where she shared her talents in baking wonderful desserts and making relishes, jams and jellies for folks near and far! She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale (Alabama) Chapter #416**. Clelie attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. She also served her community and volunteered for the Casco Rec Department as well as the committee to help start and run events at the farmer’s market. Her involvement continued as she ran the new concession stand for the baseball and softball games. When in Louisiana visiting her niece, Christi Faulkner, she helped her Cajun family serve up jambalaya to hungry college students! She was an avid college sports fan always supporting her hometown LSU Tigers from afar. Her adventures also took her to travel the country to see family and friends. Clelie was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, honorary mother and grandmother and faithful friend. She will be remembered for her forthright spirit and determination, her patriotism, her kind smile and gentle love for her family and friends where she used her time and talents to help out - even the birds and deer who were her daily companions. Clelie is survived by her siblings Cecil Crawford (wife Pat), Sondra White (husband Gary) and Brian Crawford (wife Rhonda); numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great- nieces and great-great-nephews. She was

predeceased by her husband Bradford Welch; her parents Allen F. Crawford and Clelie N. Crawford; her siblings Ronald Crawford, Roland Crawford, Glynn Crawford, Keith Crawford, Neal Crawford and Beth Cottle. The family would like to offer special appreciation for Stephan, Holly, Hayden and Margo Tremblay, Jay and Terry Asher and Brent and Corinna Bartlett for their unwavering love, care and support. The funeral services were held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 26 West Dwinal Street, Mechanic Falls with the interment at Highland Cemetery in West Poland. Family and friends attended a time of visitation on Friday, June 30, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Cecil Crawford, Brian Crawford, Cody Crawford, Zachary Faulkner, Stephan Tremblay, Hayden Tremblay, Brent Bartlett and Mike Poland. In lieu of cards or flowers, a donation can be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be shared with her family at [www.chandlerfunerals.com](http://www.chandlerfunerals.com).

**DANIEL GENE “Dan” WILGES** - Died at 1:30 AM Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Saint Rita’s Medical Center, Lima, Ohio at the age of 75. He was a resident of Wapakoneta, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on September 24, 1948 in Lima to the late Robert E. and Vandora (née Bell) Wilges, who preceded him in death. On October 26, 1974, he married Deborah L. Winget, and she survives. Dan retired from General Dynamics after 34 years of service. A 1966 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, Dan was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Wapakoneta VFW Post #8445. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wapakoneta Chapter #1126*. Dan enjoyed antiquing, visiting Gettysburg, and collecting Civil War memorabilia. Services were held at a later date. The arrangements were under the care of the Eley Funeral Home and Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com). Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cancer Association of Auglaize Co. or the Alzheimer’s Foundation.

**HOWARD A. WILLIAMS** – Died Thursday, February 15, 2024 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 9, 1938. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887*.



**PAUL HENRY WILLIAMS, CHC** (USN, CPT-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 15, 2024 in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 89, to be with his wife, Marilyn. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rossville, Georgia on July 5, 1934. Paul had lived most of his life in North Georgia where he was a 1953 graduate of Rossville High School. Following his high school graduation, Paul joined the United States Navy from 1954-1956 and the United States Navy Reserve from 1956-1960. While in the U.S.N.R., he attended Truett McConnell College graduating in 1958 and

in 1960 he graduated from the University of Georgia. Paul received his master's degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1965. He was commissioned as Chaplain, LT(JG) in 1966 and retired on June 1, 1991, with 32 years of service, as Captain, USN. Paul was ordained and served as Pastor at Crossroads Baptist Church in Turbeville, VA and served as Pastor at his childhood church, Rossville First Baptist Church. He was currently a member of the Ringgold First Baptist Church. Paul loved the Lord, his family, and his country. He loved studying history especially history of the Navy and Civil War. Paul was a marathon runner and ran in his last marathon at the age of 58. He loved being outside, working in his yard and in his blueberry garden, and he enjoyed playing a "lively" game of dominos. Paul was a proud University of Georgia Alumni and an avid DAWG fan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Marilyn (née Green) Williams; sister, Edna Brune; brother, Harry C. "Tommy" (Sue) Williams; and his parents, Harry and Ruth Williams. Survivors include his children, J.D. (Christy) Williams of Midland, VA, Robin Murray of Midway, KY, and Susan (Brad) Allison of East Palestine, OH; brothers, Bill (Alice) Williams and John (Nit) Williams; sister, Sara Hahn; ten grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Canopy for their love, care and friendship over the past three years. Condolences may be shared with the Williams family and live webcasting of the funeral service will be available at [www.lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://www.lane-southcrestchapel.com). Funeral services were held on Monday at 10:00 AM in the South Crest Chapel with Reverend Eric Kennedy officiating. The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Full Military Honors provided by the United States Navy. The family received friends on Sunday from 3:00-5:00 PM at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, Rossville, GA.



**CURTIS LEE WILLIS** – Died Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Valdosta, Georgia on December 21, 1949 to the late Clarence Willis, Sr. and Luella Willis. He attended the Valdosta Public School System. Curtis joined the United States Army in 1968, where he was a soldier in Vietnam. He also was a trained military police and a medic, later to train many troops. Upon 21 years of service to Uncle Sam, he retired from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio Texas. A little less than a year, he and his family relocated to Birmingham, Alabama, where he joined the Birmingham Police Department, training many rookies on the graveyard shift, to retire 26 years later. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. He has always been an active member of the Church, no matter where he lived or how far he had to drive to get there. Serving as a dedicated deacon in many. Curtis was a loving and caring husband, father, brother and uncle, and had a very generous heart, donating to foundations, shelters, and charities on a regular basis. In the early evening of January 24, 2024, a loving angel carried him to his heavenly resting place. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Luella Willis, seven siblings, Mozella Glaster, Blanche Crawford, Ella Willis, Margaret Jackson, Roy Willis, Joe Willis, and Shelly Willis. Curtis Lee Willis leaves to cherish his loving memories, a loving and devoted wife, Janice

M. Willis, three daughters, Sharon Willis, Augusta, GA, Stephanie(Rick) Billman, Brooklyn, NY, Kenisha Willis, and one son, Justin(Destiny) Willis, Birmingham, AL; five brothers, Clarence (Mable) Willis, Johnny (Doris)Willis, Valdosta, GA, James (Betty)Willis, Tifton, GA, David(Lorraine)Willis, and Tommy Willis, Savannah, GA, Tommie L. Dennis (sister in law), Birmingham, AL; four grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Southview Cemetery in Valdosta. To access livestream of the service and share condolences with the family, we invite you to visit our website at [stevensmcgheefuneralhome.com](http://stevensmcgheefuneralhome.com). The Stevens-McGhee Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



**PAUL MIKE WILSON** - Died Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark, Ohio at the age of 70. He was a resident of Newark. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Elizabeth, West Virginia on December 12, 1952 to the late Ward and Sarah (née Thorne) Wilson. Mike, a United States Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Vietnam Veteran served in Intelligence. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. A graduate of Athens High School, Mike received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ohio University and worked as an investigator with the Vinton County Prosecutor's Office. He then joined State Farm as an investigator in 1981 and worked until his retirement in 2013. As an avid outdoorsman, Mike enjoyed camping and fishing, and was a certified scuba diving instructor. He searched for buried treasure with his metal detector and on several occasions was able to reunite found items with their original owner. He liked to run and had completed several marathons. Alongside his many hobbies, Mike was an amazing storyteller and jokester. He could captivate the room with his stories and always had a joke to make people laugh. Mike was a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and member of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, and played the bagpipes in the Columbus Shriners Bagpipe Band. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 44 years, Anne (née Hemm) Wilson; children, Paul (Diana) Wilson, Patrick (Rosanna) Wilson, Jennifer (Kel) Berg, and Kathryn Wilson; three grandchildren (with one more soon to be born), Laina, Mila, and Rhett; sister, Barbara Williams; and nieces and nephews. Calling were held at the Reed-Egan Funeral Home, Newark from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2023 with a Vigil and Masonic service held at 6:45 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 with Reverend Father David Sizemore as celebrant. The interment was in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery with military honors provided by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. Memorials in Mike's name can be made to The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute through <https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/details/313545>. To share your memory. of Mike or leave a condolence for the family, please visit [www.reedegan.com](http://www.reedegan.com).



**NORBERT J. "Norb" WOLF** (USAF-Ret.) – Died Saturday, December 9, 2023, in Amherst, New York at the age of 86. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 19, 1937. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia "Dawn."; the Father of Robert (SaDonna), Richard (Jill). Grandfather of Amanda, Frances, Jonathon, and Taylor. Brother of the late Harold and Ralph. During Norb's United States Air Force career, he received a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals, and two Air Force Commendation Medals, to name a few. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. There was no prior visitation held. Friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Blessed Sacrament Church, 263 Claremont Avenue, Tonawanda, NY on December 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Immediate internment, with military honors was held in the Veteran's Section of Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore, NY. Memorials may be made to Saint Jude Hospital and Roswell Cancer Institute so others may live.



**GREGORY SCOTT "Woody" WOODHOUSE** – Died Thursday, December 28, 2023 in Gloucester City, New Jersey at the age of 76. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on May 18, 1947 to the late John J. and Melina (née Shahinian) Dodge. Woody is survived by his beloved wife of 13 years, Seena of Philadelphia, PA. loving children, Greg Woodhouse, Kelly Hughes (Dan), Tara Lyons (Bill); cherished grandchildren, Camryn, Hayden, Declan and Brooklynn. Woody honored his country by serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He later worked at the Philadelphia Naval yard and Fort Dix as a forklift operator. He was a member of the VFW Post #3620 and the American Legion Post #135 in Gloucester City, NJ. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Tunnel to Towers, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306, or to: [t2t.org/donate](https://t2t.org/donate). A memorial celebration was held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the McCann-Healey Funeral Home, 851 Monmouth Street, Gloucester City, NJ, where friends visited from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, followed by U.S. Army Military Honors. Condolences and Memories may be shared at [www.mccannhealey.com](http://www.mccannhealey.com) under the obituary of Gregory S. Woodhouse. Funeral Arrangements and Inquiries may be made through: McCann-Healey Funeral Home, Gloucester City.



**ANDREW R. YOUNG** - Died Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kramer, Pennsylvania on April 24, 1944 to the late Ralph and Marion Young. He was the husband of 58 years to Maria (née Gubesch) Young; father of Candy (Andrew) Scorsone; grandfather of Connor and Brielle Wark, Lillian and Carter Scorsone, son of the late Ralph and Marion Young and brother of the late Donald (late Donna) Young and late Herbert (late Barbara) Young. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Andrew was a 1962 graduate of Tonawanda High School and was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Tonawanda Chapter #77**, Twin City Elks Lodge #860 and Immanuel Lutheran Church. Calling hours were held on Monday, January 29, 2024 from 3:00-7:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan and Broad Streets) in Tonawanda. A Funeral Service was conducted on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM in Immanuel Lutheran Church, 107 Scott Street (corner of William Street) in Tonawanda. Everyone was welcome to attend. The burial was in the White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Andrew may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.ROTHFUNERAL.com](http://www.ROTHFUNERAL.com)

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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!*