THOMAS FRANK “Tom” ABBOTT - Died Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Springfield, Ohio at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas, affectionately known as Tom, was born in Jamestown, New York on January 1, 1947 to the late Frank and Georgia Abbott. While still in high school, he joined the United States Navy Reserves and then deployed into active duty to serve in the Vietnam War. After the war, Tom moved to Los Angeles, California where he began working briefly with the U.S. Postal Service before re-enlisting, going on to serve another 27 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, moving around the country. After his time in the Navy, Tom went back to work for the U.S. Post Office in Columbus, Ohio until his retirement. Tom had a heart for the Lord, a passion for long conversations, and enjoyed telling everyone he knew about God’s word, hoping to save souls in his own unique way. In his later years up until 2016, Tom was active and well-known in the local veteran community, heavily involved with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Celoron Honor Guard, showing his respects not just at graveside memorials but through his involvement as a chapter member. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Frewsburg Chapter #978. His other activities included weekly gatherings with the local choral group through the Community Music Program located in Jamestown, New York. Tom is survived by his seven children (that we know of), Christine Keitlen, Edye Abbott-Haynes, Suzie (Nick) Ritchie, Christopher (Edisson) Abbott, Becky (Bob) Crosbie, Bethany Abbott, and Jake (Loraine) Banker, along with nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Kathy Littrell and brother Ted Abbott. Aside from his passion for the Lord, Tom loved music (playing instruments such as the cello and the bugle, and participated in the choir) from the time he was in high school, was a huge fan of the drum and bugle corps, and had an ear for all music that had harmony and touched the soul. He loved to read and was a big collector of books most of his life, but also became a bit of a numismatist later on. Tom will forever be remembered by all for his painful puns and dreadful dad jokes. Aside from his quirky sense of humor, our father will be truly and Abbott-solutely missed. Family and friends were received on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Jackson Lytle and Lewis Life Celebration Center, Springfield, Ohio. The memorial service began at 11:00 AM, officiated by Pastor Kevin Moehn. Tom was laid to rest at the Dayton National Cemetery immediately following the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the DAV or Jamestown Community Music Program in Tom’s honor. Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.jacksonlytle.com.

ALVIN D. “Donnie” ABNEY - Died Friday, July 24, 2020 in Slidell, Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Slidell on May 7, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Slidell Chapter #697. Donnie was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Abney; and a daughter, Tracie Lynn Abney. He is survived by three children, Craig Abney (Kristin), Steven
Abney (Kim), and David Abney (Tanya); three brothers, Gary Abney, Ikey Abney, Jerry Abney; sister, Karen Mohr; and seven grandchildren, Ashleigh Abney, Ryleigh Abney, Brayden Abney, Kayleigh Abney, Morgan Abney, Bailey Abney, and Gunnar Abney. Funeral Services were held at the Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Boulevard West; Slidell, Louisiana on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM. Friends visited at the funeral home on Wednesday beginning at 9:00 AM. The burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

DONALD L. “Donnie” ANDERSON – Died Wednesday March 6, 2024 in the home his parents built in Bettendorf, Iowa 71 years before. He was 74 years of age. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Bettendorf on October 5, 1949. He was adopted by Theodore Anderson and Elvina "Sadie" (née Cady) Anderson. Donald graduated from Bettendorf High School in 1968. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War from September 1969 to July of 1971. He was a decorated bomb defusing specialist. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776. He attended Scott Community College and took auto body classes. In May 1974, he got a job at the Davenport Public Works Dept. In the Waste Water Department. He was there for nearly 31 years, retiring at the age of 55 in January of 2005. He was married to Nancy Daurer, she passed away in 1977. He later married Deborah Ayers. Then on July 13, 2001 he married Cindy (née Perry) Smith. Donnie's pride and joy was his 1992 F-150 truck that was purchased for him by his dad brand new. Donnie loved his pets which included 3 tortoises, 3 water turtles, a black cat, and an iguana. Donnie is survived by his wife, Cindy. Two daughters, Jennifer (Mark) Brandt of Fowlerville, Michigan and Tammy Ayers, Davenport, IA. Two step children, Sherry (Sean) Godsil Galesburg, IL and Jake (Cali) Ryder, Holland, IA. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Per his request, he was cremated and there will be no services at this time. He will be buried at the Swedish Cemetery in Knoxville, IL. Cremation took place at Trimble Crematory, Moline, Illinois, under the direction of Cremation Society of the Quad Cities. Condolences may be shared at CremationQC.com.

CLAUDIUS GASTON BERGER - Died Sunday, April 21, 2024 at his home in Bethel, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bethel on February 18, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Connie (née Kidd) Barger; five children, Sherry (Rick) Day, Randy Moyer, Mary Ann (Rick) Belt, Rhonda Sue (Brian) Brittain and the late Rick Abner; ten grandchildren, Gabe (Carrie), Shannon (Eddie), Jessica (Tony), Ricky (Traci) Shane (Kallie), Justin (Sammie), Bobbi Jo (Rob), Darrin (Katie), Rickelle (Lonnie) and Christian (Christina); numerous great-grandchildren; eleven brothers and sisters, Robert Barger, Benjamin Franklin “Tracy” Barger, Essie Geneal Barger and the late Chester Barger, Clyde Barger, Rosemary Hubbard, Mattie
Frye, Barb Moore, Jenny Barger, Carolyn Barger and Claudia Stutz, and; numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He served in the United States Army and is a TET survivor or Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #649. Graveside Funeral Services were held at the Laurel-Carmel Cemetery, Laurel, Ohio, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM. The arrangements were made by the Charles H McIntyre Funeral Home, 323 Union Street, Felicity, Ohio. Please visit our webpage to leave condolences www.charleshmcintyrefuneralhome.com.

**BRENDA KAY (née Triplett) BATTLES** – Died Thursday, February 15, 2024 in Litchfield Park, Arizona at the age of 81. The cause of death was diabetes. She was born prematurely on October 11, 1942 in Widen, West Virginia only 10 months after her sister Carol Triplett Ramsey. Her parents were the late Ernie Bidden Triplett and Opal Lovelia (née Fitzwater) Triplett. She excelled in Clay County schools where she took the most challenging courses, graduating from Clay County High School in 1960. She participated in 4-H where she earned her Charting, Sewing, and State Leadership Pins and became a West Virginia 4-H All-Star. She attended Alderson Broaddus College earning her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing through the U.S. Army student nursing program. She became a licensed RN in WV and entered the United States Army in 1964. She maintained her nursing license until 2013. Kay was both a diabetic and a diabetic educator; she taught Dining with Diabetes courses for many years. Her career in the Army consisted of a Basic Officer Training Course at Fort Sam Houston Army Medical Field Service school in TX. She was then assigned to Womac Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, NC where she took care of patients returning from the Dominican Republic and met her future husband, Fred Clifton Battles. Subsequently, she was assigned to the 36th Evacuation Hospital in Vung Tau, Vietnam. During this time, she enjoyed a trip to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where she and Fred were married. Her time in Vietnam ended in 1967 and she returned to Womack Army Hospital. Kay left military service to start her family in June 1967. Family life followed Fred’s military career and took the family to Fort Sill, OK, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Bliss, TX, Fort Greeley, AK, and Fort Hood, TX. While at Fort Hood, Kay earned her Master of Science Degree from Texas Woman’s University and taught at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. The family moved to Pt Marion, PA and Kay taught at the West Virginia University School of Nursing for many years. While at WVU she helped organize the Vietnam Veterans of American – Morgantown Chapter #306 in Morgantown, West Virginia and was a Life Member and the Founding President. After leaving WVU, Kay worked at the Sharpe State Hospital, Weston, WV, followed by working for the West Virginia State Health Department in many positions; her last position was working with Disease Surveillance/Epidemiology in Charleston, WV followed by retirement in 2000 to care for her mother in Clay, WV. Kay volunteered throughout her life with 4-H and was a well-loved camp nurse for many years as well. She was active in a quilting group wherever she lived and was always willing to help those in need. She volunteered for many years with the quilt group in preparation for the annual Golden Delicious Apple Festival in Clay, WV and was the Golden
Delicious Festival Belle in 2016. In 2018, Kay moved to Litchfield Park, AZ to be a full-time grandmother and find a new quilting club. Kay was preceded in death by her mother, Opal Lovelia (née Fitzwater) Triplett, her father, Ernie Bidden Triplett, and her brother Larry Allen Triplett. She is survived by her husband, Fred Clifton Battles; her children Fred Edgar Battles and his wife Svetlana Rahimzhanova Battles, and Mary Johanna Battles Long and her fiancé Jason Paul Sikora; her sisters Linda Carol Triplett Ramsey of Blanco, TX, and Sharon Johanna Triplett Cummings of Gassaway, WV; her grandchildren, Nicholas Edward Battles, Sophia Michelle Long, Anastasia Cerise Battles, Steven Walter Battles, Andrew Mason Battles, Alina Mae Battles, and Luca Ronin Battles; and any other family members throughout the country. A memorial service honoring Brenda Kay Battles life was held on March 1st at 12:00 Noon at the Abrazo Funeral Home and Cremation, at 1075 South Idaho Road, Apache Junction, AZ. She was buried with honors at Arlington National Cemetery, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be sent to the diabetic association or GoFundMe page for WVU Clay County 4-H program. Kay was a lifelong diabetic and diabetic educator. She was also always helping in one way or another with the 4-H program and camp that her mother helped start. WVU Clay County 4-H camp: https://gofund.me/1baeac24. Diabetic Association: https://diabetes.org/ways-to-give.

JACK BIDDLE – (USNE, HMC/E-7-Ret.) - Died peacefully in Middleburg, Florida on May 6, 2024 at the age of 74, after a long hard fight with cancer. Jack was born on August 24, 1949 in Battle Mountain, Nevada to the late Earl and Gertrude Phillips. On April 3, 1969, he enlisted in the United States Navy. On July 23, 1981, Jack married the love of his life Kim M. Horning. During his 24-year Naval Aviation career – Navy Good Conduct Medal (4th Award); Republic of Vietnam MCU Cross of Gallantry; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Expert Pistol Shot Medal; National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); Purple Heart; Vietnam Service Medal w/FMF Insignia; Vietnam Service Medal w/one Bronze Star/ Jack loved spending time with his family, fishing, golfing, and tennis. He attended Lake Asbury Baptist Church. He was an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059 as the Associate Chaplain, VVAFSC State Chaplain and the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059. Jack is remembered by his giving heart and always having a smile on his face. He is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years, Kim; loving daughter, Holly Sexton (Paul); loving daughter Michele Reaves (Troy); daughter, Nicole Schenk (Keith). brother, Jerry Biddle (Lani); sister, Jeannie Rogers. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard Biddle. Jack’s legacy continues in his seven adored grandchildren, Janessa and Brianna Sexton, Hunter and Riley Reaves, Kaley Dotson, Jonathan and Andrew Schenk. A memorial service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel with Pastor Randy Bryan officiating. A graveside service at Jacksonville National Cemetery with full military honors was at 1:00 PM.
JOHN BLOCK, JR. - Died Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in Littleton, Colorado at the age of 83, after a nearly decade-long fight with cancer. John was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on August 6, 1940 to the late John and Marie Block. At the age of 2, his family moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he spent his childhood, attending Holy Innocents Catholic School before graduating from Lincoln High School in the class of 1958. After graduating high school John joined the United States Air Force where he attended technical school as well as basic training. He used this tech training, with an emphasis on meteorology, when he was deployed to Vietnam where he served honorably as a weather equipment advisor. After returning from Vietnam, John continued he career path in technology, obtaining an Associate’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Milwaukee Institute of Technology. After obtaining his degree he was hired by IBM for a position to be located in Denver, Colorado. He stayed with IBM for 18 years and used that experience to later work for a number of companies maintaining midrange computer systems before retiring in 2003. After his official retirement he worked a few odd jobs to stay busy before finally retiring for good to enjoy his well-deserved rest. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731. On a trip back to his hometown of Manitowoc after he had moved to Denver, he met the love of his life, Ruth and they were married in July 1973. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2023 and she remained by his side until his passing. Together they had two children, Kristin and Michael. John became a grandparent in 2008 when the first 2 of 4 grandchildren were born. He took great pride in his family and helping them grow and succeed. One of John’s great loves from an early age was playing softball. He played in school, in the military, and in various leagues once he returned to civilian life. He formed many lifelong friendships through softball. John loved to fish on Lake Michigan and hunt in the woods of Wisconsin when he returned to his hometown for visits. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion, VFW, Vietnam Veterans of American and the Littleton Elks. John is survived by his wife Ruth, daughter Kristin and her husband Scott, son Michael and his wife Nicole along with their children, Kaylynn, Liam, Mabel and Roland as well as his sisters JoAnn and Rosemary. He will be deeply missed by them as well as everyone he touched during his life. John was laid to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery on January 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his name to the American Cancer Society cancer.org or charity of your choosing.

DR. JOSEPH A. “Joe” BOSCARINO – Died Friday, January 20, 2023 in Mahwah, New Jersey at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Joe was born in Paterson, New Jersey on January 24, 1946 to the late George Boscarino, Sr. and Rose Boscarino and the identical twin brother of the late John Boscarino and the brother of the late George Boscarino, Jr. Joseph is survived by his wife, Carolyn Boscarino, five children: Karen Bohlin
and family, Kathy Boscarino and family, David Boscarino and family, Joseph J. Boscarino, and Andrew Boscarino. Joe was a graduate of Passaic Valley High School, Fordham University (BA in Sociology/Psychology), New York University (MA in Criminology, PhD in Social Psychology), and University of California Berkeley (MPH in Epidemiology). He completed two post-doctoral fellowships at the Yale/New Haven Veteran Affairs Medical Center and University of California San Francisco. A life with many paths, Joe served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War, ran a research company, was an adjunct professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Temple University School of Medicine, a professor at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, and a prolific researcher. He worked primarily as an epidemiologist with research on topics including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), addiction, hepatitis C, and other clinical areas. Joe’s research pursuits were fundamentally formed by his experiences serving in the war and his desire to help fellow veterans. He published over 200 peer-reviewed articles with more than 11,000 citations. In 2009, he was elected to Fellow Status by the American Psychological Association (APA) for psychological trauma research and was given a Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) for his World Trade Center Disaster and veterans' research in 2010. Able to quote military history off the top of his head, Joe was a beloved husband and father, avid runner, and voracious reader whose irreverent wit, passion, and limitless intelligence will be greatly missed by his family. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pernice Funeral Home in Ramsey, 109 Darlington Avenue on Friday January 27, 2023, from 4:00–7:00 PM EST. A funeral mass was celebrated at Saint Paul's Church in Ramsey, 200 Wyckoff Avenue on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 10:30 AM EST. The interment was in Arlington National Cemetery. Please send tributes, memories, and condolences to www.vanemburghsneider.com.

JOHN ARTHUR BRADFORD - Died Friday, March 29, 2024 in Ecorse, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 11, 1947 to the late Arthur Leroy Bradford and Constance Irene (née Changaris) Bradford. He is survived by his three devoted children, Greg Bradford, Shawn Bradford, and Megan Bone (Gary), along with his cherished grandchildren Zachary, Dominick, Skylar, Ethan, and Jaxson, and great-grandchild Taylor. He was predeceased by his mother, Constance Irene Changaris, his father, Arthur Leroy Bradford, and his brother, Chris Leroy Bradford. John led a life filled with passion for outdoor activities. An avid golfer, fisher, hunter, diver, and motorcycle rider, he found joy in every adventure. His love for nature was only surpassed by his dedication to serving his country and community. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259. Bearing many roles for the American Legion over the last several decades, John displayed unwavering commitment and leadership. He was also an integral part of the Legion Riders, exemplifying his
strong sense of camaraderie and service. Above all, John was a man of faith. His deep devotion to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was evident in every aspect of his life. He found solace and strength in the teachings of the Bible, often listening to its words with reverence and gratitude. John will be remembered for his infectious humor, adventurous spirit, his dedication to service, and his unwavering faith. He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and courage that will continue to inspire all who knew him. Drop-in visitation was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 3:00-6:30 PM at the American Legion Post #396 located at 6860 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI. Memorial Service with honors was held on Friday April 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM at the Great Lakes National Cemetery located at 4200 Bedford Road, Holly, MI.

Dwight Leroy Bradham, Sr. (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the Cumberland Hills Assisted Living Center in Aiken, South Carolina at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manning, South Carolina on September 21, 1936 to the late Ollie and Laneigh Bradham. He lived and worked on the family farm until graduating high school and enlisting to serve in the United States Army, attending basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. His first duty assignment was in Germany, where he met the love of his life, Ruth Klein, with the two getting married in 1957. Dwight brought his lovely bride back to the states and completed his first enlistment at Fort Sill, OK. They then returned to the family farm and began to raise their family. Dwight always had a Soldier’s heart (there are family pictures of him wearing an Army uniform and saluting as a small boy) and returned to service, initially in the South Carolina Army National Guard, and then volunteering for active duty and serving tours in Vietnam at Nha Trang, where he kept the Army’s Huey helicopters flying in support of combat operations. He returned home to family and continued National Guard service, but eventually went active duty with the SC Army National Guard as a Recruiter, and then an Area NCOIC in the Charleston, SC area, before returning once again to active duty to serve as an Army In-Service Recruiter, until his retirement in 1993, where they settled down in Aiken, SC. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aiken Chapter #1145. He is remembered by family and friends for his devotion to Ruth and love for their children, his patriotism and servant’s heart, his quiet but rock-solid demeanor, and someone who believed in “deeds, not words”, which he passed on to their boys. His love for family, boiled peanuts and good southern BBQ, sharing of conversation and enjoying good times, will be very much missed by all. Survivors include three sons, Dwight Jr. (Heather) of Aiken, SC; Phillip of Apex, NC; and
Daniel (Cory) of Cleveland, TN; as well as six grandchildren, Nathan Emily, Sam, Markus, Aspen and Isabella. Funeral services were held at the Cole Funeral Home, 1544 University Parkway (118 Bypass), Aiken, SC on Wednesday, May 1st at 3:00 PM with the family receiving visitors after the service. A full military honors service with interment occurred at Fort Jackson National Cemetery on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 1:00 PM. The family has asked in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Aiken County Veterans Council, 1930 University Parkway, Suite #3600A, Aiken, SC 29801.

LARRY C. BRINKMANN - Died at 7:57 AM on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at his daughter's residence at the age of 76, with his family by his side. He was a resident of Hoyleton, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1947 in Centralia, Illinois to the late Elmer and Lillian (née Witte) Brinkmann. He married Peggy Wilbanks on April 19, 1969 in Phoenix, AZ. Left to mourn his passing are two sons; Rodney Brinkmann of Belleville and Ryan (Becky) Brinkmann of New Minden; a daughter Stephany (John) Kroeger of Hoyleton; six grandchildren, Sydney and fiancé Wyatt Troyer, Chad, Samantha and Summer Brinkmann, Jack and Evan Kroeger, and; a brother Curtis (Diane) Brinkmann of Hoyleton and a sister Phyllis (Bob) Jack of Nashville. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Zach Brinkmann. Larry served in the United States Air Force achieving the rank of E3. He was a lifelong dairy and grain farmer and worked for 7 years with the Teamsters Union in Phoenix, AZ. He was a member of the Saint John’s Lutheran Church in New Minden where he held various offices and served on the T-SJ school board. He was a member of the Washington County Farm Bureau, Beckmeyer American Legion Post #1227, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Highland Chapter #269 and drove his antique military truck in several parades. Larry loved to hunt, watch NASCAR and spend time with his family and grandkids. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Saint John’s Lutheran Church in New Minden with Reverend Timothy Mueller officiating. The burial was in the church cemetery with military rites accorded by the Beckmeyer American Legion Post #1227. Friends Visited from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024 and one hour prior to services both at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint John’s Lutheran Braille Center or to Fanconia Anemia Research Fund. Styninger Funeral Home in Nashville, Illinois were in charge of the arrangements.

ANTHONY JOSEPH BUONAGURA - Died Monday, May 20, 2024 in Hicksville, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hicksville on November 20, 1945. Anthony was a member of the I.U.O.E. Local #138, a proud United States Army reserve member for over 25 years, and also served his country in the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member
of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife of 47 years, Debra; daughters Melissa DeCarlo (Peter), Lisa Mulhall (Michael), Erin Pierce and family. He will be remembered lovingly by his grandchildren Ella, Avery, Anthony, and Madelyn. Visitation was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 PM and again from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Home, 47 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville, NY. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday at Saint Ignatius Roman Catholic Church of Hicksville, NY at 10:00 AM. The interment was at Holy Rood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Anthony’s honor to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

MICHAEL T. “Mike” BURNS - Died Monday, March 11, 2024 in Caledonia, Wisconsin at the age of 76. He was formerly of Racine, Wisconsin. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1948 to the late Jack and Evelyn (née Palmquist) Burns. In January 1976, he was united in marriage to Roberta "Bobbie" Petersen. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971. He was a "Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767. Mike was employed as a conductor with Amtrak for many years. Survivors include his wife, "Bobbie" Petersen; his son, Kirk (Laura) Burns; his daughter-in-law, Tammy Burns; his grandchildren: Vanessa Burns, Kirk H. "Max" Burns and Raymond Slonim; his brother, James (Deborah) Burns; their children: Heather, Joshua, Jack, and J.T.; his sister-in-law, Kim Simonsen; her son, Jason, as well several loving cousins. A service of committal with full military honors was held on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Cemetery. The Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory, 4600 County Line Road, Racine, WI was in charge of the funeral arrangements. www.draeger-langendorf.com.

DONALD ANDREW CAPP – Died Thursday, February 22, 2024 in Middle River, Maryland at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 21, 1946 to the late Charles and Helen Capp, Donald grew up in Baltimore, MD with his sister, the late Shirley Nash, and his brother the late Charles "Buddy" Capp. Upon graduation from Patterson High School, Donald enlisted in the United States Navy. After Electronics School in Great Lakes, IL he would receive a Diplomatic Passport and travel to many countries in Central and South America. Donald would then be called to serve in Vietnam where he would routinely conduct secret missions through Laos into North Vietnam. Donald was a member of several organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, a "Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgemere Chapter #965, and the VFW. He loved cheering for Navy Football, but his greatest love was bragging about his children and grandchildren. Donald is survived by his daughter
Meghann Capp-Pate, her husband Joe, and their children Kimika and Kiyomi; his son Andrew Capp, his wife Molly, and their children Lola, Caroline, and Brennan. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A public viewing was held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Dundalk, 7110 Sollers Point Road on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. A funeral service was held immediately following the viewing, beginning at Noon. The interment was private at Oak Lawn Cemetery, 7225 Eastern Avenue. Donald's spirit will continue to live on through the memories he created with his loved ones and the impact he made on all those who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed but forever cherished in our hearts. Rest in peace, Donald. Your legacy of love and dedication will endure for generations to come.

KENNETH WAYNE “Kenny” CASH - Died Thursday, April 18, 2024 at his home in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. Kenny was born in Aurora on April 2, 1942 to the late Betty and Hobert Cash. He graduated from Aurora High School where he played many sports and accomplished great things. After high school, Kenny joined the United States Marine Corps. He was a proud veteran. Kenny enjoyed going to sporting events of all kinds. You could catch him at various Lawrenceburg and South Dearborn events. Even though he would never admit that he loved attending Lawrenceburg sporting events, he would very rarely miss them because of his grandchildren. He was a true Aurora Red Devils fan. When he wasn't attending a sporting event, you would find him hanging out with his friends at the American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Moores Hill Chapter #71. Kenny is survived by his children, Kelly (Gary) Held and Michael Cash; his grandchildren, Torey (Chris) Jones, Bailey Held, and Rylee Held; his great-grandchildren, Kaelyn and Hunter Jones; and a special friend of 30+ years, Jo Kervin. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, Larry Cash (brother), and Ramona Volz (sister). Kenny did not know a stranger, loved his family, and was as stubborn as they come. He asked that his family have a celebration of life rather than a funeral service, as he requested to be cremated. A Celebration of Life took place on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Dillsboro American Legion, 12915 Main Street, Dillsboro, Indiana from 12:00 Noon-5:00 PM. The family welcomed all who knew Kenny and asked that everyone try to spread the word so that all who loved him could attend.

LARRY EUGENE CAMPBELL (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Friday, April 12, 2024 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 90. The cause of death was Parkinson’s disease. Larry was born in Grant, Iowa on January 29, 1934 to the late Virginia Ann (née Blackburn) Campbell and Floyd Emerson Campbell. Larry attended his first eight years of school in Grant and then high school years in Griswold and Prescott, Iowa. Larry was baptized at the Grant Iowa Methodist Church as a young man and remained a faithful follower of Christ. After graduating from Prescott High, he
attended Barber College in Omaha, Nebraska. He worked as a barber in Serles Barber Shop in Hastings, Nebraska followed by service in the United States Army. Larry began his service April 1, 1953 by training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as a soldier and an artillery survey man. His service took him straightaway to Korea where Larry stayed on in a survey section for eighteen months. He separated from the military in 1955 and went back to work as a barber in Hastings, Nebraska. Larry reentered the Army in 1957 and this time saw service in Germany as a Non-Commissioned Officer in air defense artillery. Larry met the lady who was to be his bride, Marlene Schneider, and they were joined in marriage at the Lutheran church of Idar-Oberstein, West Germany September 13, 1958. The family came back to Lawton/Fort Sill in 1960. After three years at Fort Sill Larry headed back overseas, this time going to Korea. He returned to Fort Sill in 1964 and this began a cycle of duty from Fort Sill to Vietnam to Fort Sill to Vietnam to Fort Sill again. The family established their home in Lawton, Oklahoma and remained there while Larry traveled the world as his duties took him to different places. Military education included not only those schools common to soldiers, Basic and Advanced Individual Training but also very challenging courses such as the Seventh Army NCO Academy and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. Larry’s service was recognized by the awards received during his twenty-six years in service to this nation. These include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal Second Award, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal with eight awards, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with six service stars, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Valorous Unit Award, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation. Following retirement from the military, Larry worked as an agent for American Fidelity Insurance in the Lawton office. He then became a business owner, first in a joint business, JC Finance then his own business, Western Finance. He remained a resident of Lawton, active in community organizations including the Lawton and Duncan Coin Club, Boy Scouts of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion, Korean War Veterans Association, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. In each of these he was known for his willingness to serve not only as a member but as an officer and leader within these groups of leaders. Truly a man who was willing to serve his community. Command Sergeant Major Major Campbell is survived by his wife, Marlene, his children, Kathy Wolf and husband, Mark (Virginia), Terry Campbell and wife, Cheryl (Texas), Linda Wolverton and husband, Gary (Texas) and Ty Campbell (Lawton), and his siblings Connie Bray, Carole Campbell, Jim Campbell, and Jane Hoff. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Virginia and Floyd Campbell, brother, Paul Campbell, and his grandsons, Michael Campbell and Brian Wolf. Funeral services for Larry were held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel in Lawton. The burial with full military honors was held at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma. The service may be viewed by following the livestream link at www.beckerfuneral.com or by visiting the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Facebook page. The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped care for Larry through this journey. We’d specifically like to thank Barbara P., Rachel H., and Austin N. with Comanche County Memorial Hospital Home Health and
In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Parkinsons Foundation or a charity of your choice.

THOMAS JOHN CASSIDY – Died Sunday, March 17, 2024 in Delaware, Ohio at the age of 82. The cause of death was heart disease and Alzheimer’s disease. He was born on May 11, 1941 in Warwick, New York, he was raised in Greenwood Lake and Larchmont, New York. Upon graduating from Mamaroneck High School, New York, he accepted a football scholarship from the University of California, Berkeley, California. Two months after a career ending injury, he went to the University of San Francisco for four years, and later to Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, majoring in International Management. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Mary Fran Cassidy, his brother James Cassidy of Plainville, CT, his daughter Anthea Cassidy of Dublin, OH, his son Rob Cassidy of Castro Valley, California, and his grandsons, Thomas Cassidy also of Castro Valley, and Ryan Cassidy of Tehachapi, California. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Cassidy. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware Chapter #1095. After spending numerous years with Foremost-McKesson, covering Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, handling various International Management Operations, he accepted a posting with The Hong Kong Land Company and moved to Hong Kong, where he spent close to a decade managing many business operations throughout the Pacific Rim. Upon returning to the United States in 1988, he became very active in the hospitality industry, managing a few hotels in the Columbus, OH area, from which he retired almost two decades ago. He was a proud and active member of Saint Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin, Ohio since 1988, participating in the adult choir, and in the Catechetical Ministry as a catechist. He very much enjoyed the comradery shared at The Table of Wisdom (current active member: David, Joe, Jay, Jon, Linda, Billy, Tom, Joe) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week at Source Point Center in Delaware for the past 15 plus years. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 25, 2023 at Saint Brigid of Kildare, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH. The burial was in Saint Mary Cemetery, Delaware. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center in Delaware. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Zusman Hospice, https://www.whv.org/donate/, The American Heart Association, or Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be expressed at www.snyderfuneralhomer.com.

MICHAEL JOHN “Mike” CHARPENTIER - Died Monday, March 25, 2024 in Mandeville, Louisiana at the age of 79. He was a resident of Covington, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 7, 1944 in Bourg, Louisiana to the late James "Jim" and Sylvia (née Blanchard) Charpentier. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jenny (née Wren) Charpentier;
daughters, Michelle (Jarrett) Theriot, Kimberley Longstreth (Martin Cadieux); son, Paul (Gina) Longstreth; a grandson, Oliver Theriot; and numerous siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda (New York) Chapter #77. Family and friends were invited to attend a celebration of life at the First United Methodist Church, 203 North Jefferson Avenue, Covington, Louisiana at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

JOSEPH JOHN “Joe” CIESLA - Died peacefully Thursday, March 14, 2024 at his home in Dundalk, Maryland at the age of 70, surrounded by family year-long battle with AML Leukemia. He was a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. He was born on March 6, 1954 in Baltimore to the late Benign and Martha Ciesla. He was predeceased by his wife Margie Ciesla in 2021. He graduated from Dundalk Senior High in 1973 and began working at Bethlehem Steele Mill. He enlisted in the United States Navy on April 15, 1974 and he served his entire enlistment on the Aircraft Carrier USS Independence CV 62 as a Boatswains Mate. He married his High School sweetheart Margie Auten on May 8, 1976 and he was Honorably Discharged from the Navy April 14, 1980. In civilian life he worked for the Army Corp of Engineers as a Mail Clerk for over 40 years before retiring in November of 2022. He enjoyed watching sports on TV particularly Golf and Rooting for the Orioles and Ravens. He also enjoyed going on day trips to various parks in the state and going on outings with his children and grandchildren. He could always be found on Friday nights at the VFW or American Legion Hall singing Karaoke. His go to song was Dean Martins Everybody Loves Somebody. He was also a regular member of New Light Lutheran Church in Dundalk and enjoyed Church League Bowling and Shuffleboard with his fellow veterans. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgemere Chapter #965. He was a member of the VFW in Edgemere, MD and he was also a lifelong member of the Fraternal Organization the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for 48 years. Joe and Margie had 2 children. Their son, Phillip Ciesla and wife Melissa, and their daughter, Katrina Ciesla. Joe also leaves behind three grandchildren Evelyn, Sean, and Elliana Ciesla as well as his younger sisters Barbara Ciesla, Margie Carrico, and his younger brother Eric Ciesla and more relatives than you can shake a stick at. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Kaczorowski Funeral Home, 1201 Dundalk Avenue, Baltimore, MD, with a sermon by Pastor Kristi King beginning promptly at 4:00 PM and an Odd Fellows service at 6:00 PM. The interment was held at a later date in the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery. Link to live stream of services: Funeral Visitation and Services for Joseph Ciesla (youtube.com).
JAMES B. “Jim” COATES - Died Friday, March 22, 2024 at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York at the age of 76, with his loving wife by his side. He was a resident of Holley, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 10, 1947 in Salisbury, North Carolina to the late Willis and Eva Nell (née James) Coates and had lived in this area for 35 years. Jim served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was a member of the Holley Jewell Buckman Post #529 American Legion and served many years on the Honor Guard. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. He was a man of many hobbies; a private sports pilot naming his plane Sweet Pea, enjoyed boating, kayaking, motorcycling and was up for any adventure. Jim worked as a substance abuse counselor for Albion and Orleans Correctional Facility and had 41 years in AA. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Rick and his sister Kathy. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pat; brothers John (Debbie), Bill (Angie), David (Lindsay); sister Barbara (Joe), close family members Heather (Paul) and their son Paulie; sister-in-law Kathy (John) as well as many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. The family received friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, 16650 State Route #31, Holley on Wednesday, March 27th from 2:00-4:00 PM where Military Honors were held at 4:00 PM followed immediately by his Celebration of Life Service. The burial was in Western New York Cemetery in Pembroke at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one’s choice. To share a memory of Jim, visit www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

JOHN PURNELL COBB (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) - Died peacefully Monday, March 11, 2024 in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 93, leaving in his wake a multitude of family members, friends, and colleagues who loved him dearly and will miss him greatly. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Natchez, Mississippi on July 6, 1930. Having reached the age of 93, John experienced an extraordinarily rich life. But, as he constantly reminded us, his greatest joy was his partnership in raising families along with two dynamic women, Heloise (née Seaton) Cobb and Sandra (née Swint) Cobb, that included seven children: Toby, Miki, Jerry, Charlie, Liz, Robert, and Robin. In addition, two generations of grandchildren delighted in calling him “Daddy Jack,” and “Papa.” He was a devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and father-in-law. Born in Depression-era Natchez, Mississippi, John’s career was defined by two major paths. He joined the United States Air Force at the onset of the Korean War and proudly served his country for twenty years, retiring with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America- Cumming Chapter #1030. While in the Air Force he earned his B.A. degree from the University of Maryland. Following a brief stint in Arkansas state government following his military service, John entered the long-term care industry for two decades, retiring for good as a Vice-President with Centennial in Atlanta, Georgia. Thanks to his military service, John’s worldly outlook was shaped by extensive travel and living in Europe and Southeast Asia.
With a keen interest in history, he eagerly took advantage of his surroundings to drag Heloise and kids to exotic locales. Throughout his lifetime he energetically continued to develop new passions. With his move to Atlanta, he and Sandy became huge Braves fans, proudly displayed on his caps and sweatshirts. Although he liked to deny it, John adored the many dogs that came into his and Sandy’s life and his affection for them was obviously returned. He never passed on the opportunity to insert a bad pun into a conversation and relished the inevitable groans that followed. Blessed with a phenomenal memory John was the keeper of the family flame. His many engaging stories about himself and the rest of us were an oral history of our family. They reflect the fact that John was the epitome of a life well lived. A celebration of John’s life was held at McDonald’s Funeral home on March 28th located at 150 Sawnee Drive in Cumming, Georgia. The visitation began at 11:00 AM, followed by a Service at 12:00 Noon. This was followed by a 3:00 PM ceremony at the Georgia National Cemetery at 2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane in Canton, where he was laid to rest with his beloved Sandy. Our loss is Heaven’s gain. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Old Soldier’s Home Foundation (https://www.toshf.org/) or Fur Babies Rescue (https://furbabiesrescue.org).

WILLIAM PATRICK “Bill” COLLINS — Died Friday, January 26, 2024 in Muskegon, Michigan at the age of 83 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 30, 1940 to the late James and Marie (née Hurley) Collins. He grew up in Detroit where he graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and earned his bachelor’s degree from Detroit Institute of Technology. He entered the United States Army in 1968 and retired after a 25-year career which included an 18-month tour in Vietnam where he served as a rifle platoon leader and an infantry company commander. His many awards included the Ranger Tab and Combat Infantry Badge but the accomplishment of which he was proudest was the knowledge that every soldier who served under him got to come home. After retiring from the Army, he worked as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service where he was active in the National Association of Letter Carriers. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Muskegon Chapter #31, VFW Post #8846, and a parishioner of Prince of Peace Catholic Parish. Bill is survived by his wife, Michalene, daughter, Theresa, son, Sean (Julianne), sister, Patricia (William) Vanderworp, brother James (Shirley) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Mary Ellen (John Charles) Walberer and Kathleen (James) Feeny. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 1110 Dykstra Road, Muskegon, MI with Reverend Father Godfrey Onyekwere presiding. Visitation was held from 4:00-6:00 PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at The Lee Chapel of Systema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey Street, Norton Shores, MI. The rosary was prayed at 5:00 PM. The family also received mourners one hour prior to Mass on Friday. The interment took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Second Harvest Gleaners or Every Women’s Place. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff of Cancer and Hematology Centers for
their skill and compassion and the many friends and neighbors and family who offered their support to Bill during his illness. You may sign the online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

FREDERICK ARTHUR “Fred” COOK - Died Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at his residence in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 30, 1948. He served in the United States Navy from December 13, 1966 to December 11, 1970 with three years of overseas duties. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, May 15th at Rock Island National Cemetery. Those attending met at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf at 9:30 AM Wednesday morning to join the procession to the cemetery. Military honors were conducted to honor Fred’s service in the U.S. Navy.

ROBERT MORRIS COOPER - Died Friday, May 17, 2024 in Pompano Beach, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death was liver cancer. Robert was born on September 13, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan top the late Hyman and Candice Marie Cooper. Robert’s loving spirit is carried on by his daughter, Donna Marie, her husband Harry, along with his grandchildren Melissa, her husband Adam, Joshua, Michael, and his great granddaughter Iyla. Preceding him in peace were his parents, Hyman and Candice Marie and Grandmother Winnie Faye. Robert bravely served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he earned the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23. To honor Robert’s memory, a service was held at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

THOMAS S. COUGHLIN – Died Friday, October 6, 2023 in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 24, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville (Georgia) Chapter #935.RONNIE

RONNIE LEE CRENSHAW, JR. – Died Monday, April 29, 2024 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx section of New York City, New York on February 3, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678.
NICHOLAS ANTHONY “Nick” CRISCUOLA – Died Saturday, February 17, 2024 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1946 in Coupeville, Washington to the Michael and Eileen (née Worthington) Criscuola. He lived a life filled with love, service, and a deep connection to the sea. Growing up on a fishing boat, Nick developed a lifelong passion for the water. His boat, the “Morning Star”, became a vessel of cherished memories, where he spent many moments catching crabs, fishing, and creating lasting bonds with his children, grandchildren, and friends. Nick was a proud veteran, serving his country with honor as a fire control technician on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. Following his time in the United States Navy, he transitioned to a career as an electrician, showing his dedication and skill in every endeavor. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165. In 1970, Nick married Judy Boehringer, embarking on a journey that spanned just shy of 54 years. Together, they raised three wonderful children, creating a home filled with love, laughter, and shared adventures. Nick found joy in collecting classic cars, working on his boats, tinkering in his workshop, and traveling with his wife and friends. A man of profound faith, Nick’s relationship with Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of his life. Devoted to his church, he embodied the love of Christ to all around him. His unwavering faith serves as an inspiration to those fortunate enough to have known him. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate Nick’s life, his salvation in Christ, and the promise of a joyous reunion in the future. Nick was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Eileen (Worthington), his son Jason, and his brothers, Michael, Jr., and Noel Criscuola. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 54 years, Judy. He is also survived by his sister, Vicki (Keith) Hutchings, his sister-in-law Muriel Criscuola, cousin Tony Criscuola, in-laws Jerry and Cathy Boehringer, Janet and Dick Johnson. In addition to his wife and siblings, he is survived by his children, Michelle (Darrel) Cronk of Deming, WA, and Brian (Julie) Criscuola of Watauga, TX. He leaves behind a legacy through his beloved grandchildren: Jason, Trevor, Peter, Shelby, Maria, Kirsten, David, James, and Betty Cronk; and Maxton, Ethan, and Audrey Criscuola. Services to honor and celebrate Nick’s life were held at Northlake Community Church at 1471 McLeod Road, Bellingham on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested donations be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship or Whatcom County Pregnancy Center, both causes close to Nick’s heart:
• Child Evangelism Fellowship: Box 3137, Ferndale, WA 98248-3137 or to • Whatcom County Pregnancy Center: PO Box 1663, Bellingham, WA 98227. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV).
THOMAS WILLIAM “Tom” CURRY – Died Thursday, January 11, 2024 in Rochester, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1946 in Hornell, New York to the late Anna and Raymond Curry who predeceased him and sister Mary Ellen Curry who also predeceased him. He is survived by his wife and best friend Mary Ann (née Schwartz) Curry; son, David T. Curry; the love of his life his granddaughter, Savannah Marie Curry and her mother Kimberly; sisters-in-law and many cousins. He was a 1966 graduate of American Academy McAlister Institute in Manhattan New York and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. Tom served with the Army Corp of Engineers for eight months prior to discharge he was assigned to 115th Military Intelligence Group at the Presidio of San Francisco. After coming home from the services he went to work for Charles L. Younglove. In 1989, Tom went to work at Penfield School District as Head Custodian at Harris Hill Elementary School. When he retired from the Penfield School district in 2006 he traveled to Tahiti and then to the Mediterranean including Rome. Trips to Ireland and the Caribbean were also on his bucket list. He always considered himself to have a good life and wanted to give back. He supported food banks and the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. He spent thousands of hours (14 Years) at Highland Hospital as a volunteer Ambassador until his health made it impossible to continue. The funeral service was held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the Farrell-Ryan Funeral and Cremation Services, 777 Long Pond Road. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Food Link.

ROBERT EDWARD “Bob” CUTTING – Died Thursday, March 28, 2024 in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Albans, Vermont on September 30, 1949 to the late Robert and Marion Cutting. He was fondly known as Bob to his friends and family. As a young man, Robert proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he spent the majority of his time in Vietnam. In the years following, Robert continued to show love for his country by serving as an active member and past commander of the VFW. He also participated as a color guard member of the American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907. A resident of Gardner, Massachusetts, he etched vivid and lasting impressions on the hearts of all who had the good fortune to know him. As Mark Twain put it, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started," and Robert "got started" in numerous fields, bringing his unique flair to each one. Robert's professional life was as diverse as it was remarkable. From truck and cab driving to stone masonry, he was a man of many talents, never confined by the boundaries of a single profession.
His last employment before retiring was with Smiley’s Taxi in Gardner, MA, where his affable personality and zest for life were cherished by colleagues and customers alike. In retirement, Robert continued to infuse every day with enthusiasm, enjoying time with his brothers and friends. He also enjoyed baking and most often would give his baked goods away to neighbors and local first responders. He also enjoyed baking and most often would give his baked goods away to neighbors and local first responders. He raised his two daughters in Winchendon, MA and made beautiful memories along the way. From bike rides at Lake Dennison and road trips to Vermont, to roller skating at Roll-On America and sledding at the Winchendon school, Bob was also known to many as “Uncle Bob” and was always up for a fun adventure with his girls and their cousins. Robert had a very strong bond with his brothers and sisters and would do anything for them with all the love in his heart. Robert treated all his nieces and nephews as if they were his own children and in doing so created a very strong family bond between them all. Bob was also famous for playing a great Santa at many annual Christmas parties. Robert’s time spent with family was what he cherished most. Robert leaves behind his daughter, Missina Cutting and her son, Elliott. He leaves four brothers, Richard, Randall, Ronald and Rodney Cutting, and one sister, Marilyn Mercier, all of whom he loved dearly. He also leaves behind two granddaughters, Bella and Mikayla, who he referred to as his “Princess.” Robert also had several nieces and nephews that he loved so very much. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marion Cutting, his daughter Angela, grandson Tristan, two siblings Roger and Marlene, and two brothers-in-law, Richard Adams and Robert Mercier. Robert was a strong believer and follower of Christ and shared his love of God with anyone who would listen, quoting bible verses and singing worship songs wherever he could. The pain of his physical absence is alleviated by the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the stories, laughter, and love that he shared with those he held dear. Calling hours for Robert were held in the Mack Funeral Home, 105 Central Street, Gardner, MA on April 9th from 4:00-7:00 PM. A graveside service was held on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, 268 Central Street, Gardner, MA 01440. The Kevin J. Mack, Walter C. Taylor, and Melissa A. McQuaid were the Funeral Directors in charge of the arrangements.

GEORGE ARTHUR DADSON, SR. - Died Monday, March 18, 2024 in Rochester, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Tacoma, Washington on September 5, 1946 to the late Chester William Dadson and Mabel Adeline (née Smith) Dadson. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Gerald Dadson and Charles Dadson; and his sisters, Velma Fedrau, Eleanor Dadson and Shirley Dadson. He is survived by his wife, Gail Dadson; his two sons, George (Jacqueline) Dadson Jr. and Michael Dadson Sr., his two stepsons, Hank (Stacey) Borchers and Scott Borchers; his eleven grandchildren, Nicole (Jared) Bateman, Michael Dadson Jr., Paige (Alberto) Torres, Kara (Graham) Johns, George (Samantha) Dadson III, Bradly Dadson, Anthony Marrocco, Cameron Borchers, Marina Borchers, Adrian Borchers, Julian Borchers; his
fifteen great-grandchildren, Ricky Renno, Haley Renno, Sarah Bateman, Aidan Bateman, Isabella Dadson, Natalie Dadson, Elliana Dadson, Olivia Ortiz, Luna Torres, Kaycia Hedgepeth, Kaya Hedgepeth, Graham Johns, Jr., Zoe Johns, Jace Dadson, Nico Dadson; and many nieces, nephews and close friends. Surrounded by his loving family, George made peace with the Lord early Monday morning, March 18th 2024, after 77 wonderful years of life. George was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and dog dad. He was a retiree of Eastman Kodak, with a passion for engineering and photography as well as a proud Veteran of the United States Army, having served in the Vietnam War, 82nd Airborne, 7th Cavalry from 1971-1972. George was also an active member of the American Legion of Honeoye, Post #1278 and previously the American Legion of Greece, Post #468 where he held the revered title of Commander from 1999-2000. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. George was an honorable man. He dedicated his life to our country and to his family. His legacy and influence of unconditional love, patriotism, integrity and hard-work will be felt for many generations to come. Words could never express how deeply he is loved and admired or the amount of happiness he brought into this world, one that will never quite be the same without him in it. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the doctors and nurses at Rochester General Hospital; the level of compassion and gentleness provided in George’s final days will not be forgotten. Friends came calling on Sunday, March 24th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Vay-Schleich and Meeson, 1075 Long Pond Road, Rochester NY. A reception immediately followed at the American Legion Post #468 at 344 Dorsey Road, Rochester NY. The inurnment service was held on Monday, March 25th promptly at 11:00 AM in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Private reception followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Flight Rochester – honorflightrochester.org.

BETTY DeDe “De” DANIELS – Died Friday, May 3, 2024 in Port Orange, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. De was born and raised in New York City, New York on July 7, 1942 to the late Leon Thomas Daniels and Edith Daniels. As a young child De appeared on the Star Time Kids TV show. De attended George Washington High School in New York, NY, where she was a member of the New York All-City High School Chorus and performed at Carnegie Hall with conductor Dr. Peter Wilhouski. After high school De trained to become an opera singer. De was a United States Merchant Mariner under the United States Coast Guard, Port of New York, NY, and was part of the USO. De moved to Goshen, NY, in 1973, where she raised her two sons. There, she was closely involved in the school system and her sons’ many activities. Along with others, De was involved in charities supported by Tom Jones. De was involved with Rolling Thunder, Chapter #3, volunteer work, supported US military veterans, the work of American Gold Star Mothers, and was also a substitute 911 operator. De enjoyed spending time with family, going on day cruises and to Atlantic
City with friends, was involved in her community, loved to help others, and made friends wherever she went. De made the choice to move from New York to Florida and 2014, where she continued with Rolling Thunder, Chapter #8, became president and was involved with the VVA as a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048, the Daytona veterans court, among others in support of veterans. De was part of the KnitWits group, knitting and crocheting, and was an election worker at the polls for many years, both in New York and Florida. De is survived by her brother Leon Daniels, Jr. and his wife Margie; her two children, Mario Porco and his wife Judy of Goshen, NY, and Marco Porco and his wife Joyce of South Daytona, FL. De is also survived by her grandchild, Sarah Porco and her fiancé Kain Kipp, and her step-grandchildren, Cassandra Bush and her husband Cory, and Mikey Joannides, Heather Hilson and Amber Wolbert and her fiancé Rick Peters, and her step-great-grandchildren, Noah and Elaina Bush, and Isabella Peters. De’s laughter and energy will live on in their hearts and memories. De’s support and love has touched many lives. She will forever be remembered and missed by all. A memorial service was held from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at the VFW James W. Dearborn Memorial Post #3282 in Port Orange, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rolling Thunder Florida, Chapter #8, at www.rollingthunderfl8.com, or can be made to American Gold Star Mothers and mailed to Vivian Allen, 12 Price Road, Chester, NY 10918. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.baldwincremation.com/port-orange.

RUSSELL LEE DANIELS – Died Saturday, April 13, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baltimore on March 9, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Doris J. (née Scott) Daniels; devoted father of Thomas W. Daniels, Christina L. Corbin and her husband Robert, Michael R. Daniels and Raymond L. Daniels; loving grandfather of Isabel Corbin; dear brother of Ronald L. Daniels; also survived by other family and friends. He served in the United States Air Force from May 25, 1966 to March 20, 1970 with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451. Visitation was held at the family-owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc., 7922 Wise Avenue on Saturday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. Cremation followed.
HERBERT P. “Butch” “Herb” DAVIS, JR. - Died Saturday December 9, 2023 at his residence in Bechtelsville Pennsylvania at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania on October 31, 1944 to the late Herbert P. Davis, Sr. and the late Lola E. (née Mims) Davis. He was the husband of Kathy T. (née Thompson) Davis. Herb was a welder at Mittal Steel, Conshohocken, retiring in 2012. He served in the United States Marine Corps, serving two tours in the Vietnam War. Herb was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harleysville Chapter #349, Norristown, and life member of Disabled American Veterans. Surviving besides his wife are sons, Ramon Davis, NJ, Richard P. Davis, New Mexico; daughter, Ranae Ann Davis-Al Jabari, Virginia; two sisters, Dolores A. Davis, Norristown, Lola E. Sconiers, Norristown; seventeen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday December 19, 2023 at the Schumacher and Benner Funeral Home and Crematory, 359 King Street, Pottstown. Officiating was Pastor Walter Johnson. The burial was in the Morris Cemetery. There was a viewing on Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. The arrangements were made by the Schumacher and Benner Funeral Home and Crematory at 359 King Street in Pottstown, PA.

DENNIS W. “Denny” DEVINE – Died Monday, March 25, 2024 in Lockport, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death was bladder cancer and prostate cancer. He was born in Lockport on September 25, 1946 to the late Francis "Bud" Devine and Phillis (née Conley) Devine. He was also predeceased by his siblings Timothy, Darcie, and Douglas Devine. Dennis is survived by his dear brother David and sister-in-law Roxanne Devine; brother-in-law of William (Bonnie) McFarland, James (Kendra) McFarland, Timothy McFarland and Daniel (Lynne) McFarland. Predeceased by brother-in-law Robert McFarland. Dennis, affectionately known as DD by many, leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and dedication to his family and community. He was a devoted husband to Mary Beth and a loving father to Kelley Devine and Kristen (Anthony) Molinaro. His grandchildren, Michael, Anthony, Aiden, Christian, and Daniel, brought him boundless joy and he cherished every moment spent with them. Also survived by his loving cousins and many nieces, nephews and friends. A native of Lockport, NY, Denny was deeply connected to his hometown. He served in the United States Army from February 25, 1969 to January 5, 1971 with a tour in Vietnam rom June 1970 to January 1971. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268. As a Vietnam War veteran, he embodied the principles of patriotism and sacrifice. Following his military service, Denny embarked on a career in education, retiring as an Elementary School Principal from the Lockport City School District. Beyond his professional endeavors, Denny had a wide range of interests and hobbies. He was an avid golfer, enjoying time spent with friends at LTCC and he took great
pleasure in playing his beloved card game of bid pitch. He was a lifelong board member of the YMCA, served on the GLDC and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His dedication to his alma mater, the Lockport City School District, was evident in his role as a Distinguished Alumnus. He continued to support education by working with student teachers from Buffalo State College and Niagara University even after retirement. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at All Saints Parish, Lockport, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested donations to the Lockport YMCA or Niagara Hospice in memory of Dennis Devine. Please visit Taylorandreynolds.com.

CLINTON LEWIS “Clint” DEVITT - Died Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the Fargo VA Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 74. He was a resident of Lisbon, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fargo on March 17, 1949 to the late Leonard and Lorraine (née Sandvig) Devitt. He graduated from Lisbon High School in 1967 and soon after was drafted into the United States Army. He was honorably discharged after serving in the Vietnam War. After returning home, he married Sherry Cregger. Clint completed college at NDSCS and received his degree in plumbing and heating. Eventually he started his own business, Devitt Plumbing and Heating, Inc. that is still going today. Clint and Sher had 2 children and shared 20 years together. He married Judy (Kub) Enga on August 8, 2008. Clint enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, farming, stock car racing, telling stories and bad jokes. He was very involved in the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374. He always enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his wife Judy, his son Andy (Brooke) Devitt, Amber (DJ) Lachowitzer and his grandchildren Leaph, Alexander, Mazzy and Everett. Stepson Kyle (Katie) Enga and their daughter Claire. Siblings Sandy (Rodney) Mathias, Thomas Devitt, Jonelle (Hank) Jeske, Emmy Carlblom, Yvonne (Gene) Foyt, Mari (Joe) Jameson, Cecil (Wayne) Kligore and Carrie Devitt and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Clint was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Jim Carlblom. He will be missed by many and remembered by his smile, laugh and unique sense of humor. Visitation was held at the Dahlstrom Funeral Home in Lisbon on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM followed by a prayer service at 7:00 PM. The funeral service was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisbon on Thursday, November 9th at 10:30 AM. Clint’s service was live-streamed on the funeral director’s website on his obituary page.

JOHN MELVIN DEXHEIMER (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) – Died Sunday, April 5, 2024 in Ellisville, Missouri at the age of 78. The cause of death was lung disease. He was born on August 22, 1945 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late John Robert and Mary "Eileen" Dexheimer. John, proud veteran and devoted husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather. John was the brother of Mark, Jerry, and the late Theda Kaylor. At the age of 17 just months away
from his birthday, John eagerly enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 10, 1963 launching a remarkable career serving his country, including in Vietnam. He met Carolyn Cutrer in 1964 and they wed June 25, 1966. At the age of 43, John retired as Chief Master Sergeant on October 1, 1988. For the next 2 years he embarked on a new journey closer to home as an ROTC instructor for Rockwood School District. He then pursues a civilian career with Medicine Shoppe International that took him even further around the globe from November 1990 to December 2009. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028. Throughout his exceptional life, his dedication to his country and to his family was unwaveringly steadfast. The wisdom he carried was cherished by many, just as the smiling faces that were almost assured while interacting with him. John's legacy of devotion to his country, family and God, carries on with his wife of 58 years Carolyn, their sons Steven (Kim) and Jeffrey (Charlotte), brothers Mark and Jerry, grandchildren Layne (Zach) Waters, John, Jordan and Jaxon, Athen Schooler, great grandson Robert Waters, nieces, nephews, as well as by all those who knew him. The funeral service was at the Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road at Holloway, Ballwin, Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM. The interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1028 at www.VVa1028mo.com. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 AM. Friends may sign the family’s on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

DONALD EDWARD DINUBILO – Died recently in 2024 in Redondo Beach, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53.

IRVIN CURLEY DOUZART - Died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at CHRISTUS Saint Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 75. He was a resident of Boyce, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Alexandria on June 18, 1948 to the late Curley Douzart and Audrey Douzart McCann. He was also predeceased by one sister, Gayle Morton. He embarked on a path of service early in life, proudly donning the uniform of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Stationed aboard the USS Roosevelt, he exemplified bravery and commitment to his nation. Irvin was a proud Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131. Following his military tenure, Irvin continued his service, this time within the Louisiana National Guard at Camp Beauregard, where he further demonstrated his unwavering dedication to duty. Irvin's commitment to protecting and serving others extended into civilian life, as he dedicated many years of service as a Deputy Sheriff with the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office. His tireless efforts and unwavering dedication earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community alike. Irvin was also serving as a board member on the Gardner water system. Irvin's faith was a guiding force in his life, and his commitment to his Catholic faith was unwavering. As a member of the Charles P. Greco, Knights of Columbus Council #1134 and a Msgr. Piegay 4th-degree Knight, he embodied the values of charity, unity, and fraternity, leaving an indelible mark on those he encountered. Those who had the privilege of knowing Irvin will remember him as a beacon of light, always willing to lend a helping hand and
share a hearty laugh. His passion for life was contagious, and his presence illuminated the lives of all who knew him. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Dolly (née DeVanie) Douzart; his children, Anne Fontenot (Troy), Peter Mahfouz, III (Niki), and Paul Mahfouz; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Wesley, Preston, Bailey, Cameron, Kelsi, Kayla, and Tristin. Irvin is also survived by his six great-grandchildren and one brother, Gordon Douzart (Carol). Also sharing in his memory includes numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. A Mass of Christian Burial for Irvin Curley Douzart was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Saint Rita Catholic Church with Reverend Joshua Burch officiating. The interment was in the Alexandria Memorial Gardens under the direction of John Kramer and Son Funeral Home. Visitation was held from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2024 and resumed from 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the funeral home. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2024 in the Kramer chapel. The pallbearers honored to serve were Christopher Nichols, Wesley Nichols, Preston Fontenot, Cameron Mahfouz, Tristin Mahfouz, and Troy Fontenot. The honorary pallbearers were fellow Knights of Columbus Council #1134 and members of the Rapides Parish Sheriff Department. Charitable donations in Irvin’s memory can be made to Saint Rita Catholic Church, 4401 Bayou Rapides Road, Alexandria, LA 71303. To extend online notes of condolence to the Douzart Family, please visit www.KramerFunerals.com.

WAYNE DOUGLAS ELLIOTT - Died unexpectedly Friday, July 21, 2023 in his home in Algonac, Clay Township, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 20, 1948 in Neon, Kentucky to the late Roy and Herma (née Watts) Elliott. Wayne was a proud United States Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War. During his tour he received a Purple Heart Medal and 2 Bronze Stars with “V” Device for heroism in connection with ground operations in the Republic of Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154. He worked as a tool maker and automation specialist for many years, retiring from Chrysler Automotive. Wayne is survived by his son Paul (Julie) Elliott and his grandsons Alex (Madelaine) Elliott and Nick Elliott. Wayne loved spending time with friends and family. He will be remembered for the generosity he showed to anyone who needed a helping hand; and he will be remembered most for the love he had for his family. His grandsons were his pride and joy, and he spent his retirement affording his grandsons every opportunity he never had. Our entire family is better for having had him in our lives. A celebration of life was held in Wayne’s honor at the Catch 22 Bistro, 2430 Pointe Tremble Road, Algonac, MI on Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the Young-Gilbert Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc. in Algonac, MI.
TOMIE JAY “Tom” ENGLAND - Died Saturday, August 12, 2023 at his beloved home in the Rainbow Springs community of Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Burnsville, North Carolina on October 30, 1946 to the late Iris (née Blankenship) England and Hubert England. Born and raised on Indian Creek Road, he was a graduate of Cane River High School class of 1965. After high school he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After training in Parris Island he left for Vietnam where he served his country for a 13-month tour of duty with the Third Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines/Charlie Company. Tomie received an honorable discharge as a Sergeant in 1972 and returned home where he began his career with the NC Wildlife Commission. He faithfully served several of the counties in Western North Carolina where he was able to showcase his knowledge of the mountains, trees, creeks, and game. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994. Tom’s life centered around his favorite things. He took many trips out west to lead hunting expeditions and many hunting trips with friends. He loved frying fish, bee keeping, raising a garden, horses, and bird dogs. Much of his time was spent between Franklin and Burnsville where he helped care for his parents in their later years. As much as he loved Macon County, his heart was always in his home place on Indian Creek. His greatest pride was his four grandchildren whom he loved deeply. He was preceded in death by a brother, David G. England, and a sister Nancy England Sparks. He is survived by a brother, John Joseph England (Susan) of Reems Creek, and two sisters Annette Main of Collierville TN, and Cynthia Reeves (Jim) of Swannanoa. Cherishing his memory are his two children, a son, Jon David England and wife Heather of Burnsville, a daughter, Gretchen Banks and husband Donald of Burnsville, four grandchildren, Hunter, Hensley, Bailey, and Locklyn all of Burnsville. Nieces, Stephanie, Emily, and Ashleigh and a nephew, David. Also, his lifelong Marine brother Bob Janicki and special life partner Barbara Culpepper and many other lifelong friends in the Macon County area. Donations to honor Tom’s memory can be made to Tunnel to Towers or Wounded Warrior Project. Funeral services were handled by the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Franklin and the Yancey Funeral Services of Burnsville. A memorial was held at 3:00 PM on Friday, August 18th in the chapel of Yancey Funeral Services with graveside services following at the family cemetery on Indian Creek with Reverends Stacy Elkins and Royce Ball co-officiating. The family received friends from 1:00 until 3:00 PM prior to the services at the funeral home. A memorial service was held in Franklin at a later date. The Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the England family. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT EUGENE FARLEY – Died Wednesday, March 20, 2024 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 18, 1945. He served in the United States Army from February 12, 1968 to December 23, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam attaining the rank of Specialist 5. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154.
RONALD HARRY “Ron” FIELDS – Died Monday, January 29, 2024 in Big Flats, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born in Montour Falls, New York on October 26, 1945 to the late Ernest A. and Marion L. (nee Packard) Fields. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Ernest Fields in 2013. Ron is survived by his son, Kenneth (Martha Saia) Fields; daughter, Cassandra (Michael) Wright; grandchildren, Maddesen (Peter) Inirio, and Cameron Wright; great-grandchild Ellie Inirio; brother, James Fields; sisters, Dena Irby, Louise (Chris) Harvey, and Christine (Allen) Lampman. Ron served in the United States Army; drafted to Vietnam in December 1966 and receiving an Honorable Discharge in November 1968. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803. He made a career and retired from what became U.S. Salt, in Watkins Glen, and spent 20 years working with the Gibson Volunteer Fire Dept. Private services with his family were held. The burial was at Rural Home Cemetery in Big Flats, NY. Those wishing to honor his life can do so by making a donation to the Vietnam Veteran of America – Elmira Chapter #803 Museum, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901 – or a veterans support network of your choice.

JAY B. FINK – Died recently in 2024 in Sloatsburg, New York at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 11, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333.

FREDERICK STEPHEN “Fred” GARCIA, JR. - Died Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Arbors of Sylvania in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 79. He was a resident of Toledo. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Toledo on September 2, 1944 to the late Frederick Stephen Garcia, Sr. and Ruth (nee Gonzalez) Garcia. He was a graduate of Saint Francis High School, the University of Americas, in Mexico (living there for 10 years) where he earned a Master's Degree and the University of Toledo where he received a second Master's Degree. He served his country proudly in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He suffered injuries and was awarded 3 Purple Hearts and a Silver Rose. Fred spent his career working as a Bilingual Job Specialist for the Ohio Bureau Employment Services, taught at Saint Ursula Academy and he was also an accredited service officer. Fred was a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Church where he was a Lector and was on the Parish Council. He was a Founding Member and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Toledo Chapter #35, the American Legion, VFW, D.A.V. and the Catholic War Veterans. Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Richard (Elaine) Garcia; nephew, Richard A. Garcia and stepdaughter, Angela Mansberger-Berry. He is survived his loving wife, Linda (nee Berry) Garcia; siblings, Alice (Jim) Sutton-Pemberton, Ruth Ann (Terry) Mohler, Raymond (Cheryl), Ronald (Judy Bloomfield) and John (Char) Garcia; grandson, Brian Mansberger, Jr.; 15 nieces and nephews; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews and 2 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. Friends visited at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Road on Sunday, April 14th from 2:00-8:00 PM where the Marine Corps League held a service at 6:00 PM and a Rosary was recited at 7:00 PM. Funeral Services were held on Monday, April 15th beginning at 9:15 AM in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 10:00 AM. The interment was at Saint Mary's (Assumption) Cemetery, 2639 US Highway 20, Swanton, OH. The family would like to extend a special thank for the many
hours helping with Fred to Larry Widmer (his movie buddy) and Katie Dukeshire. Also, thank you to the staff at Arbors of Sylvania and to Elara Caring Hospice, especially Monique Chatman for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Immaculate Conception Church, Vietnam Veterans Chapter #35, the Purple Heart or to the Marine Corps League. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

ROBERT JOHN “Bob” Gerrits - Died Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 25, 1947 in Green Bay and lovingly adopted by Peter and Agnes (née Vanden Avond) Gerrits. Bob graduated from West De Pere High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1967 to 1969. Bob married Karen Vogt on June 27, 1970 at Saint Mary’s Church in Chilton. He worked in the warehouse at Bay Valley food for over 45 years until he retired in 2012. Bob enjoyed playing golf and was an avid Packer and Badger fan. He loved to travel and visit new places. His faith was important to him. Bob was an active longtime member of Saint Jude Parish. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224. He is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Scott and Troy; grandchildren, Helena, Naudia, and Malora; many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Agnes; sister, Mary Gerrits; aunts and uncles. Friends and family gathered at Saint Jude Parish, 1420 Division Street from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Monday, April 29th. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM with Reverend Father Ron Belitz officiating. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Bob’s name. Bob’s family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staffs of Saint Mary’s and Unity Hospice for their sincere care and compassion given to Bob.

CHARLES J. “Chuck” Gilje - Died Saturday, November 25, 2023 at his home in Billings, Montana at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1942 in Rugby, North Dakota to the late J.A. (Arnie) Gilje and May Gilje. He grew up in Carrington, ND, graduating from Carrington High School in 1960. He attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, for one year, and North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, for three years, graduating in 1964. He attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, graduating in 1967 with a law degree, and was admitted to the bar that same year. Gilje entered the United States Army in the fall of 1967, serving in an artillery unit in Vietnam (7th Battalion, 9th Artillery), and was honorably discharged in 1969. Gilje was very proud of his military service. After military service, Gilje practiced law in Carrington until he accepted the position of Stutsman County State’s Attorney, Jamestown, ND, in December,1971. He held this position until 1985. He
practiced law in Jamestown, retiring in 2002 as a partner with brother-in-law, Ken Dalsted. Gilje married Fredricka Chase on July 21, 1974, in Fairview, MT. They lived in Jamestown, ND, until moving to Montana in 2002, where Fredricka continued her career as a nurse educator. Chuck followed Fredricka to several places her work took her, including a year (1993-1994) in Norway (with son, Eric). Other places were Anchorage, AK; Tacoma, WA; Umea, Sweden; Guangzhou, China. Fredricka and Chuck enjoyed traveling Norway visiting relatives. Gilje was an avid biker, duplicate bridge player, and woodworker. He liked walleye fishing at Fort Peck reservoir in Montana, Lake Sacajawea in North Dakota and Oahe reservoir in South Dakota. Gilje enjoyed family gatherings and skiing at Big Sky, MT. He enjoyed playing the piano, reading, doing crossword puzzles, and attracting hummingbirds and other birds to his feeders. In his younger years, his hobbies included golf. Among his memberships were Rotary, VFW, American Legion, Elks, Jamestown Choraliers, Meals on Wheels volunteer, Sons of Norway, Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Billings Chapter #334, member Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, American Contract Bridge League Life Master. Survivors include: his wife, Fredricka, of Billings; son, Eric (Elizabeth), and two grandchildren, Soren and Lucas, of Bozeman, Montana; brother, Paul (Judy) of Apple Valley, MN; sister, Anne (Ken) of Jamestown, ND; brothers-in-law Ralph Chase (Eileen), of Prescott, WI; Roger Chase (Kathy) of Spokane, WA; sisters-in-law Paula Loegering (Tim) of Dickinson, ND; Vicki Bates (John) of Norman, OK; Margit Chase of Dickinson, ND; five nieces; six nephews. He also is survived by Richard Wenstrom, Kinsley, KS, his lifelong friend. The burial was on December 9, 2023, at 11:30 AM at Westland Cemetery, Rolette, ND, where his parents, four grandparents, a great-grandmother, and uncles, aunts and cousins are buried. Refreshments were served at Valle Lutheran Church of Rolette. Recognizing the time was near, Gilje wrote this obituary himself. A Celebration of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held on December 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 523 4th Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND. Live-streaming was available at Trinityjamestown.com. A Remembrance Gathering was held on December 28, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Smith Chapel West, 304 34th Street West, Billings, Montana. Live-streaming will be available at info@smithfuneralchapels.com Refreshments will follow. Memorials may be designated to Westland Cemetery, Rural Rolette, ND; The Soldiers Chapel, Big Sky, MT; or donor's choice. Memorials can be designated for Westland Cemetery, Rolette, ND or Soldiers' Memorial Chapel, Big Sky, Montana or donor's choice.

ANTHONY PHILIP GIUNTA, PhD - Died Thursday, May 2, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 71. He was a resident of Lexington, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York. Anthony leaves behind his loving Wife, Theresa Giunta; Daughter, Marina Smith; Son, Anthony Giunta, Jr.; Daughter, Kailen Giunta; Son-in-Law, Shaun Smith with Grandchildren, Breana Smith, Gavin Smith and Jaxson Smith; Daughter-in-Law, Raquel Giunta with Grandchildren, Isabel Giunta and Antonio Giunta; Siblings, Joseph Giunta, John Giunta, and Priscilla Jimenez. Anthony was very proud to be a public servant whom served 28 years in the United States Army and National Guard. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303. He then served as a Police Officer specializing as an EOD Technician and as a Coast Guard Auxiliary. He believed in continuous education completed multiple degrees including a doctorate. Anthony had a deep love for science and utilized that as a teacher. He found pleasure in helping others through religious counseling.
remained active with first responders as a Chaplain with Irmo Fire and Lexington Police. His absolute greatest joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren.

**TIM J. GREEN -** Died Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 26, 1947 in Lansing, Michigan. Tim is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; devoted son, Ryan (Ruth Ann); cherished daughter, Leslie; adored grandchildren, Emma, Micah, Clairea, 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 Fort 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 both Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596** as well as **Associates 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 Keith Street Ministries with Bishop Brian Sutton, D.Min., Bishop Anthony Cain, Pastor Darren Schalk and Bishop Shaun McKinley, PhD, all co-officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jerry Harrison, Doyle Hughes, Tony Roberts, Pete Tolbert, Tom Taylor and David Wilbanks. Graveside Services and Interment were conducted on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 12:30 PM CST in the National
JOSEPH “Wayne” GRIGG – Died Friday, April 19, 2024 in Spartanburg, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was known affectionately as "Wayne". Mr. Grigg was born on July 20, 1946 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and passed away at his residence in Spartanburg after bravely battling a long illness. Wayne led a life filled with dedication and service. He served his country with honor in the United States Army during the 1968 TET Offensive of the Vietnam War. Wayne was a member of the DAV, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1049, and America Legion Post #28. Following his military service, Wayne embarked on a career as an engineer at Bellsouth/ATT, where his expertise and professionalism earned him great respect in the business world. Beyond his professional endeavors, Wayne was a man of unwavering faith. For 43 years, he was a steadfast member of First Baptist Spartanburg. He was also a faithful member of the Gideons, International-Spartanburg West Camp and had served in various positions such as Area Director, Camp President, etc. His commitment to his beliefs was truly inspirational and left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Wayne enjoyed life. He had been a private pilot of his own plane; cherished moments spent with his family; enjoyed exploring new destinations through travel; and created memories that will be treasured for generations to come. Wayne had also been a member of the Masons, Hejaz Shriners, Telephone Pioneers of America, Breakfast Optimist Club, and Civitan Club. Among his proudest accomplishments was his loving marriage of 29 1/2 years to his beloved wife Martha Revels Grigg, surviving also; son Brian Grigg (Lena); daughter Addie Grigg; stepchildren Shane Revels (Karen), Kim Huntsinger (Charles); grandchildren Leo Grigg, Abby Revels, Bella Revels; Step-grandchildren Zachary Painter, Matthew Painter, Piper Fleming; siblings Lewis Jerreld Grigg, Jean Foster (Doug), sister-in-law Barbara Grigg; special friend Jessie White; and faithful canine companion Pebbles. Wayne was predeceased by parents Clayton and Effie Grigg; siblings Kennith Grigg, Carol Edwards. Services to honor and celebrate the remarkable life of Joseph Wayne Grigg took place on April 24th at Floyd's Greenlawn Chapel 2075 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC. Visitation was held from 10:00 11:00 AM followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon. The burial with military honors then took place at Noon at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, 1300 Fernwood-Glendale Road, Spartanburg, SC. Memorials may be made to Gideons-Spartanburg West Camp, P.O. Box 253, Lyman, SC 29365.
JAMES HILARY “Jim” GRUBKA – Died Monday, April 5, 2024 in East Aurora, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on December 5, 1945 to the late Edward and Rose Grubka. As a good and faithful servant, Jim went home to meet his savior on April 8th. Grieved by his wife, the love of his life, Bonnie (née Philipps) Grubka and sons James Matthew (Kara), Michael John (Krissi), Jacob Andrew (Regan), Joshua Mark (Alby) and David James. Loving “Grumpa” to Addison, Alexander, Mikey, Gianni, Eleanor, unborn grandchild, Ella, Sawyer and Noah. Loving son of the late Edward and Rose Grubka. Loving brother of Barbara Westphal. Jim served his country in the United States Army in combat in Vietnam receiving a Purple Heart and awarded three Bronze Stars. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77. His career in audit and management with the Internal Revenue Service spanned Buffalo, Pittsburgh and back to Buffalo. In most recent years he, along with others, volunteered his services to many worthy organizations. As a life-long Catholic in the Diocese of Buffalo, Jim was strong in his faith, love for God and service to Him. He was a Trustee at Immaculate Conception in East Aurora for many years. He was instrumental in starting the Knights of Columbus Chapter at I.C. serving several years as their Grand Knight and helped to accomplish many new programs. He was passionate in supporting vocations to the priesthood. He is known for his service to Christ the King Seminary and was recognized with the Curé d’Ars award. He implemented a prayer for vocations which is prayed at many masses in the Diocese. And friends! He loved the people he met on his journey through life and he thanks them for their friendship. The family was present for visitation on Sunday, April 14th from 3:00-7:00 PM at the Kenneth Howe Funeral Home, 64 Maple Street, East Aurora. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 15th at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora. The burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. If you wish to remember Jim with a donation to charity, please consider Eternal Choice of Love, Inc. (c/o 76 Riley Street, East Aurora, NY 14052). Online condolences may be made at www.howefuneralhome.com.

LAWRENCE GRUTTEMEYER – Died recently in 2024 in Amityville, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx, New York on September 18, 1950. He is survived by his wife. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11.

JAMES ANDREW “Jim” HACKETT – Died peacefully Saturday, May 4, 2024 at home in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 77, while on hospice care with his niece and her husband at his side. The cause of death was the result of a fall. He was born on December 9, 1946 in Elmira, New York to the late Agnes B. (née McGee) Hackett, and Oliver F. Hackett. Jim was a proud United States Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Suribachi. He worked for many years in the office supply field at Elmira Office Products and Officenter. Jim also worked at Bern Furniture,
Navistar, Lawson Products, Adtranz and Tom Simonds and Son Excavating. He was involved in many worthwhile causes in the community, his goal in life was to help others. Jim was so proud of his major role in the creation of the Gold Star Family Memorial in Center Street Park in Elmira. He was an auxiliary volunteer at Arnot Ogden Hospital for over 30 years and was the only male president of the Auxiliary. Jim was past President of the Horseheads Lions Club, past Grand Knight of Council 6158 Horseheads Knights of Columbus, past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 732 Bath/Corning NY, Grand Knight of Elmira Council 229, and past District Deputy of the Finger Lakes Knights of Columbus. He was president of the Twin Tier Ostomy Association, Vice Chairman of Chemung Volunteer Action, and a founding sponsor of the National Museum of the US Army. He was a member of Post #442 American Legion, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803 Honor Guard, former RSVP Advisory board member, Office of Aging Advisor council member and lifelong member of VVA 803. Jim was the recipient of Lions District 20E2 PDG John Poore Memorial Award 2006-2007, Humanitarian of the Year Award as well as many others. He is survived by his niece Lori (Tony) Shirley of Cumming, GA., his great-niece Mackenzie (Bobby) Walsh and his great-great-niece Kylin of Newport, RI. Jim was predeceased by his parents, brother Harold, nephew Lon, sister-in-law Sheila and step-brother Art. He was interred in the Columbarium in Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira NY.

JOHN WANE HARDIN – Died Friday, March 22, 2024 in Torrance, California at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1947 in Ipswich, Massachusetts to the late Harold Wayne Hardin and Dorothy Ruth (née Dow) Hardin. He graduated from high school in Childress, Texas in 1966, and enlisted in the United States Navy in September of 1966. On March 30, 1968 he married Linda Irene Bender, and together they had three children, Joanna, Lisa, and Susan. After retirement from the United States Navy in 1997, he resided and spent his final years in Torrance, California. John reported to Field Medical School at Camp Pendleton, California in June 1967. After training and graduating as a Hospital Corpsman, he arrived in Vietnam in April 1968. John served with Hotel Co., 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in Vietnam for one year, later being awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained during combat. Over his 31 years of service, John only spent 3 days on ship while training on board the helicopter carrier Belleau Wood. Master Chief John W. Hardin had the honor and distinction of being the Guest of Honor at the Marine Corps Sunset Parade, where he was greeted by his colleagues at the Marine Corps War Memorial. In total, John spent 29 years serving with the Marines, retiring from Headquarters Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California on November 1, 1987. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53. John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda; children Lisa and Susan (Johnson); grandchildren Serena, Arielle, and Immanuel, brother Raymond and nieces and nephews, Michelle, Roxanne, Jim Wayne, Ray, Amanda, Dana and Heather. A graveside service was held at Miramar National Cemetery at 2:15 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Carson VFW Post #10166. A private memorial service was held in Texas at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, please donate to his daughter's nonprofit, The Alabaster Jar Project or the Carson VFW Post #10166.

**LESTER OZON HIGGINS** – Died Friday, December 8, 2023 in Long Beach, California at the age of 71. He was a resident of Pasadena, California. The cause of death was lewy body dementia and failure to thrive. He was born on October 20, 1952 in New York City, New York. He attended Booker T. Washington Kindergarten, Saint Patrick's Elementary, Saint Patrick's Parish, and Paul Schulte High School. Lester worked for the U.S. Postal Service, Greyhound Bus Lines, and Commercial trucking services logistics. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading (Ohio) Chapter #10.

**JERRY LEE HILL** – Died recently in 2024 in Akron, Ohio at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 19, 1946. He is survived by his daughter, Millisa Cundiff. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron Chapter #900.

**RICHARD MYRON HOBLI TT** – Died Thursday, February 2, 2023 in Silverton, Oregon at the age of 78, after many years and multiple serious health conditions. The cause of death was myeloma. He was born in Silverton on August 12, 1944 to the late Lowell and Mabel Hoblitt. After attending Silverton schools, he enlisted into the United States Navy at the age of 17. He was assigned to the USS Currituck, a seaplane tender. He was assigned to the same ship his entire 4 years in the Navy. He traveled to many locations in Southeast Asia, including Vietnam. He was still in contact with several of his Navy buddies. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon. After his discharge, he returned to Silverton where he met his future bride Bonnie (née Cornwell) Hoblitt. They were married on March 10, 1967. He attended auto body school and worked most of his working life in the auto body trade as a painter, body repair, heavy truck repair and shop foreman. In 2003, they were able to fulfill their dream of full time RV living. They sold everything they owned and took off in their diesel pusher motor home. They both enjoyed this for 5 years until health issues made traveling too difficult. They bought their house back in their hometown of Silverton in 2006, which gave them many projects to work on fixing up the house. Richard was such a talented fabricator, fix anything type of guy that he could do most anything around the house, cars, etc. He had lots of hobbies and interests over the years, photography, fly fishing, fly tying, motorcycles, woodworking, machine shop fabricating, welding, race car building from scratch and RV camping. They were fortunate to go on 9 cruises, and many trips to Kauai, Oahu and the Oregon Coast. “He was my husband, partner
and best friend for 55 years. It won't be the same without him, but I do find comfort that his pain and suffering are gone. He was a true fighter to the end. I want to thank his wonderful medical team that allowed us more time together, Doctors Paul Huun, John Strother and staff, Martin Johnson, and Kevin Thompson.” He is survived by wife Bonnie, brother-in-law Dan Cornwell, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by both his parents, and sisters Linda and Gayle. At his request there was no formal service. His wish was for everyone to enjoy life, do what makes you happy and have a drink in his memory. Contributions would be welcomed to Vietnam Veterans of America or The International Myeloma Foundation. 2 Timothy 4.7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

PAUL EDWARD “Eddie” HOLDEN - Died Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at Parkwest Medical Center Covenant in Knoxville, Tennessee, due to Multiple Myeloma. He was a resident of Knoxville and 77 years old. He was born and raised in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on October 17, 1946 to the late Paul and Carolyn Holden. He graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1964. Eddie attended ETSU and joined the United States Air Force where he deployed to the Philippines and South Korea. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078. After serving, he finished his degree in Transportation at UT Knoxville in 1973. Eddie spent 30 years working for Yellow Freight System and retired in 2003. On returning to Knoxville, he took a position as Transportation Manager at DOE in 2004, where he worked until retiring in 2014. Eddie’s wife and daughters were always his main priority. He was so involved in their lives and got such joy from spending time with them. Followed closely by family, Eddie loved fishing, golf and playing bridge. All the friends he met along the way became like family. He carried his childhood friendships, which began over 65 years ago in Oak Ridge, with him wherever he lived. If you knew Eddie, you knew you were valued. Eddie is preceded in death by parents, Carolyn and Paul Holden. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol, of 55 years; daughters, Shannon (Kurt) Wohldmann of Scottsdale, AZ, and Erin (Mike) Adams of Charlotte, NC; brother, Phil (Rosi) Holden of Port Royal, FL; sister, Paulette Cahn of Cartersville, GA, and brother-in-law, Rev. Al Kirk of Cordova, TN. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, Riley and Vivian Wohldmann and Jeffrey and Tori Adams. Even being separated by distance, he had a close and unique relationship with each one. -Eddie was a member of All Saints Catholic Church. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the staff at Tennessee Cancer Specialist and Park West CCU. A Celebration of Eddie’s Life and his interment was held at a later date. The arrangements were made by Cremation Options, Inc. (865)6WE-CARE (693-2273) www.cremationoptionsinc.com.

FLINT ROY JACKSON, JR. – Died Friday, April 5, 2024 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Corsicana, Texas on July 31, 1946. He served in the United States Army from November 15, 1965 to October 1, 1968 with a tour of Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266.
DEWEY WADE JENKINS, JR. - Died on the morning of Monday, May 6, 2024 in Forest Hill, Louisiana at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Wade was born in Lecompte, Louisiana on August 21, 1946 to the late Dewey Wade Jenkins, Sr. and Beulah “Tiny” Jenkins. His brother, Robert Jenkins; and his sister, Mary Ward, all of Longleaf and Forest Hill. He grew up in Longleaf and attended Glenmora High School, where he played on the Wildcats basketball team and went by the name "Snake." In 1966, he married his wife, Dianne Giles. During the Vietnam War, he served in the United States Air Force as a Radio Relay Repairman from 1968-1972. After that, he returned home and went to Nursing School to become a Registered Nurse. He worked at the VA Hospital in Pineville until 1986. He then joined the Air Force again as an Officer and Air Force Nurse and served until 2006. During this time, he deployed for Operation Desert Storm and rose to be the Medical Squadron Commander at RAF Croughton in England. After retiring from the Air Force, Wade volunteered with his church, the Forest Hill Senior Citizen Center, was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #1131, the Rapides Council on Aging, and the Disabled American Veterans. He helped too many people to list, but especially helped hundreds of veterans in filing claims to receive the benefits and care they had earned. His help will be greatly missed by many. Wade was known as a huge jokester and would try to make everyone he met laugh. His memory will be cherished as a friend who would step up to help anyone in need. Those left to enjoy his memory are his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Dianne Jenkins; one sister, Patty Tolly; his children, David Jenkins and Chris Jenkins; his daughters-in-law, Delmis Jenkins and Wendi Jenkins; his grandchildren, Samantha, Tabitha, Sara, Kyle, Mallary, and Owen; his great grandchildren, Brayden, Finn, Beau, Milo, Alex, Josephine, and Jonathon “Wade”; and a long, long list of family and friends who were family to him. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 10, 2024 at the Elwood Baptist Church, Forest Hill, with Reverend Michael Evans officiating. The interment was in Butter Cemetery, Forest Hill, under the direction of Rush Funeral Home, Oakdale. A time of visitation was held at the Elwood Baptist Church, Forest Hill, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 5:00 until 10:00 PM. Visitation resumed at the church on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 8:00 AM until the time of the service. Honored to serve as pallbearers are: were David Jenkins, Chris Jenkins, Kyle Jenkins, Owen Jenkins, David Bailey, Gordon Jeffers, and Brayden Lamkin. Friends may post online messages of condolences for the Jenkins family by visiting www.rushfh.com.

ROGER (NMN) JODOIN – Died recently in 2024 in Douglas, Massachusetts at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 17, 1947. He served in the United States Navy from August 1965 and was honorably discharged on August 14, 1969 at the rank of E-4. He was a Life Member and Founding President of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818.
JOHN ROBERT JOHNSON, JR. – Died Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in Saint Clair Shores at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1946 to the late John Robert Johnson, Sr. and Julia (née Barany) Johnson-Anderson. John leaves behind a legacy of love and service that will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew him. John joins his father John Robert Johnson, Sr., his mother Julia (Barany) Johnson Anderson, and his stepfather Paul Anderson. John was the beloved husband of Carole, his companion of nearly 54 years. John was a devoted father to Cheryl (Ken) Harrington and Stephanie (Jerry) Tortomasi, and grandfather (Papa) to Sierra Kobel (Tyler Jenkins). His ‘girls’ were his pride and joy, and his love, support, encouragement, and celebration of even their smallest successes will be deeply missed. John served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean and Vietnam wars and became a passionate advocate for Veterans’ rights and benefits. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154. He proudly wore his Vietnam Veterans Chapter #154 jacket and other veteran attire everywhere he went. A manufacturing engineer by trade and a curious tinkerer by nature, you could always find John in his garage inventing new uses for old machinery and parts. His mind and hands were always taking things apart to see how they worked and reconstructing them with new purpose and potential. He never let a piece of scrap metal or wood go to waste, much to the amusement and occasional exasperation of his family. Friends and family were invited to pay their respects during visitation on Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Bagnasco and Calcaterra Funeral Home located at 25800 Harper Avenue in Saint Clair Shores, Michigan. Military pass and review was held at 6:00 PM with a prayer and a blessing at 7:00 PM. John was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan in a private military ceremony for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Blessings Bags Brigade of Michigan or Vietnam Veterans Chapter #154 in Clinton Township, Michigan.

RANDALL PRESTON “Randy” JOHNSON – Died Thursday, March 14, 2024 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 72. His brief but mighty battle with cancer in recent months exemplified his deep courage, unwavering positivity, and ability to power through the toughest challenges with grace and true heroism. Randy was born in Watertown on May 30, 1951 to the late Darrell and Juanita Johnson. The oldest of 9 siblings, Randy was a quiet leader and supportive older brother with a little bit of mischief and a lot of heart. Randy grew up loving to hunt and fish and purely enjoy life with family and friends. In high school, he fell in love with wrestling and became quite the champion. Randy met the love of his life, Leanne, shortly after he graduated. From the moment they met, they were soul mates, deeply in love and the very best of friends. Married two years after he joined the United States Air Force, they raised two loving daughters in a family that grew to include four amazing grandsons and an incredible great-
grandson. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054. Randy and Leanne affectionately referred to each other as Ranj and Anj, nicknames that embodied their special connection and mutual love and respect. Ranj and Anj shared a life replete with both exciting adventures and quiet times with family. From bringing joy to the world with their dancing, spending quality time with the kids and grandkids, and golfing every possible weekend, to traveling the world by air, land, and sea and tooling around the countryside closer to home, they lived life to the fullest together! When it came to careers, Randy was a searcher. After a brief stint in dental lab technician school, Randy worked as an accountant for Cook’s Office Supplies for 13 years before finding his true bliss as a contractor/builder and painter — a career in self-employment that energized his soul and gave him purpose until his last days. Yet those who really knew Randy knew that his true calling was helping people. He was always willing to jump in and help anyone at any time without question — no matter the ask, the hour of day or night, or the difficulty of the task. Randy also knew how to have fun! An avid Vikings fan (optimistic to the end), he loved his Sunday Night Football. Some of his favorite pastimes included hunting, fishing, bowling, golfing, and dancing, along with softball in the younger years and pickle ball in more recent times. With an easy swing that was magical to watch, Ranj dominated the golf course with Anj. Together they dominated the dance floor as well, with moves that brought the fun and captivated every audience. He was also devoted to his kids and grandkids, helping his daughters fancy up their homes and taking time with his grandkids to do everything from Webelos Camp to boating, fishing, bowling and even family game nights. Randy is survived by his wife Leanne; his two daughters Erin and Sarah (Holger); his four grandchildren, Tré, Samuel (Lilliana), Grayson and Aiden; and one great grandchild Finnley. He is also survived by his eight siblings: Kurt; Cheryl (Mike Korbel); Cindy (Maddi Marquardt); Roger (Connie); Mark (Lori); Carolyn (Bill Ware); Connie; and Frank (Jacque). He was preceded in death by his parents Darrell and Juanita.

The memorial service was held at 11:30 AM, with visitation starting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. The interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Estelline, SD; with military honors approximately at 2:30 PM. Randy's family hosted a celebration of life on Saturday, March 23, 2024 with a visitation from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, followed by a service and a light lunch. A full military service and burial was in Estelline at 2:30 PM.

**RICHARD LEE “Dick” KACHEL** - Died Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Spruce Manor Nursing and Rehab in West Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. He was a resident of Reinholds, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brecknock Township, Pennsylvania to the late Leroy H. and Esther M. (née Remp) Kachel and the loving husband to Verna L. (née Anderson) Kachel for 55 years. Dick was a graduate of Garden Spot High School, class of 1965. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served honorably in the United States Army where he drove transport trucks supplying fuel to the aviation battalions. Upon returning from his active duty, he met the love of his life, Verna. Dick has remained active in the Reinholds VFW Post 6759 where he served as former Post Commander and was a life member. He was also a Life Member
of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008 and an advocate for Agent Orange survivors. Dick was a lifelong truck driver; he drove for over 45 years with over 2 million miles of accident-free driving. He retired from his driving career with Martin Limestone. He was an active member of Salem E & R Church in Reamstown where he was a former Deacon and Elder, served on multiple committees, and sang in the choir. An avid outdoorsman, Dick was a member of the ‘Pappy’s Nine’ cabin in Potter County where he enjoyed hunting. Dick usually had a joke to tell, and everyone enjoyed his contagious laughter. He loved his role as Pop Pop and always felt blessed to see his grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Dick is survived by a son, Brian L. Kachel of Ephrata; two grandchildren Zachary T. Kachel (Amber) of Ephrata; Madison T. Kachel (Curtis Hershey) of Lebanon; two great grandchildren, Karson & Raelynn; a brother, Donald L. Kachel (Betty) of New Holland; and a sister Esther E. Grumbling of New Holland. Dick was predeceased by two sisters, Dolly L. Ensinger and Marie Ann Walker and a brother, Paul H. Kachel. Viewings were held on Wednesday, April 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and again on Thursday, April 4th from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Good Sipler Funeral and Cremation Centre, 34 North Reamstown Road, Reamstown (Stevens). The Service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, officiated by Reverend Joel Hertzog. The interment was in Salem Union Cemetery, Reamstown. In Lieu of flowers, contributions are appreciated to Salem E & R Church at www.salemchurchreamstown.org or a veteran’s organization of your choice.

PETER LEON “Pete” KADISH - Died peacefully and unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at his home in Christmas, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on June 10, 1947 to the late Peter and Mary (née Galantowicz) Kadish. His parents, sisters, and Pete were members at Saint Elizabeth Church in Wyandotte. Pete was a member of the Class of 1965 at Roosevelt High School. He enlisted into the United States Navy at the age of seventeen on January 30, 1965. He spent most of the time in the service stationed out of Kamiseya, Japan. Pete was honorably discharged on June 13, 1968. He returned to Michigan and went to work for the Ford Motor Company as a plumber/pipefitter. As a child, Pete spent time with his father at the family’s camp in Seney. It was there he found the love of the Upper Peninsula and moved here in 1973. Pete worked various jobs in the construction trades and owned his own company, Superior Land Builders. An opportunity to work for the Department of Corrections happened, and Pete went to school to become a Corrections Officer. He worked at Alger Max and retired on March 31, 2004. Pete enjoyed hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. His secret morel spots were the envy of all morel hunters. He loved music, dancing, and an occasional 51K. Music festivals were one of his most enjoyable pastimes and the Hiawatha Music Festival was his favorite. Pete loved his family and friends. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and could be found in the back row wearing a Hawaiian shirt. Pete was also an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237 and the American Legion. He is survived by children – Robben (Colleen) Kadish of Spring Lake, NC, Anna (Roy) Chan of Brookfield, CT, Jean “J.P.” (Hope) Kadish of Vail, AZ, Amy (“Suzie” to Pete) Peterson of Marshall, MI, Peter (Taryn) Peterson of Niceville, FL, Fawn
(Rob) Freeborn of Manistique, MI, and Mark (“Monk” to Pete) Peterson of Meridian, ID; grandchildren – Cody, Jacob, Wava, Greyson, Elijah, Noah, Carson, Carter, Olliana, Izak, Cora, Blaine, Levi, Leo, and Monk’s Willie Nelson - the dog; seven great-grandchildren – Abigail, Nathan, Paisley, Connor, Lucifer, Alex “Sweet Pea”, and Olivia; sister – Carolyn Wysack of Wyandotte, MI; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pete was preceded in death by his parents and sister Mary Lou Forcier. Visitation was held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Thursday, April 12th from 2:00 until 8:00 PM. His Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Munising on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 12:00 Noon. The interment was at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising where military honors were rendered.

**FRANK R. KUSTRA, SR.** – Died Friday, April 5, 2024 in Grand Island, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Frank was a talented artist, proud United States Marine Corps veteran, loving husband, brother, father, and grandfather. He is survived by wife Doris, children Francesca, Frank Jr, Savanna, and Victoria, grandchildren Oliver and Kolya, and fur babies Hawt Dawg, Cheddar, MK, and Zebra. Frank considered all a friend and will be dearly missed by those who knew him. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77. A celebration of his life and art was held on Thursday, April 11th at the Kaiser Funeral Home 1950 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Buffalo VA-Buffalo Recreation Therapy. To make a donation, please contact nicholas.lamarca@va.gov.

**MICHAEL HAROLD “Mike” LAFOLLETTE** - Died Monday, April 29, 2024 at Saint Elizabeth Edgewood Hospital in Edgewood, Kentucky at the age of 74. He was a resident of Rising Sun, Indiana formerly of Aurora, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born in Batesville, Indiana on September 21, 1949 to the late LaVern LaFollette and Myrtle (née Baker) LaFollette. Mike was a graduate of the Lawrenceburg High School Class of 1968. On June 24, 1972, Mike was married to Deborah (née Gridley). The couple enjoyed over 51 years together until his passing. Mike proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts from Vietnam. Following his military service in the Army, Mike was employed as a welder and truck driver, and worked at I&M. He went on to continue his military service in the National Guard, retiring after a combined 30 years of active and reserve duty. Service was central to Mike’s life. He added much to his community, being involved in various volunteer and veteran organizations such as the Rising Sun American Legion Post #59 Color Guard, Southeastern Indiana Honor Guard, KWVA Color Guard, a Life Member of Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America - Larry D. Fogle (Moore's Hill) Chapter #71, National Purple Heart Society, and Disabled American Veterans. Mike was chosen to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, was honored as a Hometown Hero by the Cincinnati Reds, and was selected as Indiana National Guard Soldier of
the Year. Mike was instrumental in the Vietnam Veterans acquiring the Huey helicopter display at Lesko Park in Aurora, IN and played a key role in creating the program for Veterans Treatment Court, spending many years as a mentor for the program, impacting countless lives. He additionally assisted with transport and security for Ohio and Dearborn County Justice Systems and volunteered teaching marching techniques with the Rising Sun Marching Band, also serving for a time as the Band Booster President. Mike enjoyed watching the Cincinnati Reds and sprint car racing. Mike is survived by his wife, Debbie, of Rising Sun, IN; sons Matthew LaFollette (Misty) of Rising Sun, IN and Jared LaFollette (Misty) of Evansville, IN; brother Ken LaFollette (Caroline) of Houston, TX; sister Diana Zimmerman (Donald) of Greenfield, OH; sisters-in-law Linda Thayer of Rising Sun, IN and Cindy Kittle of Columbus, IN; grandchildren Dylan, Camden, Colin, David, Tyler, and Carter; great grandchildren Conner and Era; nephews Marcus and Cody, as well as several nieces. Mike was preceded in death by his parents LaVern and Myrtle LaFollette and brother-in-law and best friend David Kittle. Services were held on Monday, May 6th at the Markland Funeral Home with visitation from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM and the funeral service at 1:00 PM. The burial was in the Rising Sun New Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Welcome Home Warriors, donations to be used for the benefit of the Southeastern Indiana Veterans Museum.

DENNIS L. LAVENDER - Died peacefully Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at home in Thornville, Ohio at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 5, 1947 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to the late Leon and Rose Lavender. Dennis graduated in 1966 from Southern High School in Baltimore, MD. A proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970. His service included a tour in Vietnam and Thailand. Dennis worked at a few different companies, but he was best known as the owner of the Feed Barn in Thornville, which he retired from. He was a member of the Thornville AMVETS, Newark American Legion, Newark VFW, Heath Eagles and served as Treasurer of the Disabled Veterans Outdoors. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55. Dennis loved his karaoke, especially when Alexis was singing alongside him and when Steven and Casey joined in for the evening. He was part of the National Barrel Horse Association where he competed in the Senior and Open Divisions on “Scratch”. He was always trying, but never could, beat Steven’s times. Dennis was also a District Director of the Ohio High school Rodeo Association where his daughter, Stephanie was a member for four years. Dennis loved his family and all the family gatherings they had together. Family was his pride and joy. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Rose Lavender and his son, Jeffrey Peter Lavender. Dennis is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Linda (née DaGrava) Lavender; children, Stephanie (Eric Correll) Reynolds of Thornville, Steven (Mitzi) Lavender of Thornville, Dennis Spalding (Michelle) of Riverside, CA; grandchildren, Alexis (Austin) Walker, Breanna Reynolds, Matthew Lavender, Dillon Grant, Kate Spalding, Khloe Spalding; great grandchildren, Lynleigh Walker and Denver Walker; sister, Rosalie Ware; brother, Larry (Mary Jane) Lavender, brothers-in-law, Dennis DaGrava, Tim DaGrava and Dan DaGrava; sisters-in-law, Lynette DaGrava and Jamie DaGrava; longtime friends, Casey and Leslie Taylor; numerous nieces and nephews.
The family asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Disabled Veterans Outdoors, Post Office Box 2, New Lexington, Ohio 43764. A Celebration of Life was held from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, April 14th at the Thornville AMVETS. The Color Guard Service began at 1:00 PM on Sunday. Please visit www.HoskinsonFuneral.com to share a special memory about Dennis.

Jerry Wayne Leming - Died Thursday, June 8, 2023 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Flint, Michigan on May 8, 1949 to the late Randall and Lucille Leming. Jerry served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War on two tours. He retired from the Army with 17 ½ years of duty. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942. Jerry worked as a long haul truck driver for JB Hunt and Semi-Valley for 20 years too. He loved to camp and fish. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Randall and Lucille Leming; wife, Trudy Leming; sisters, Brenda Carden (Robert) and Betty Stansberry; brother, Joel Leming (Sharon), son, Dale Ferguson. Survivors are his brother, James Leming, Sr. (Audrey); longtime companion, Nelda Elkins; grandchildren, Ainslee Clark, Caleb Ferguson, Thomas Barber, Toby Barber; step-daughter, Christy Stewart; brother-in-law, Ricky Stansberry; 11 nieces and nephews and extended family. There was a visitation on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the funeral home. Jerry was buried at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee at 2:30 PM on Friday, June 30, 2023. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. The arrangements were made the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy, TN.

Reverend Robert Dennison “Bob” Lewis (USAF, MSgt- Ret.) - Died Friday, February 2, 2024 in his home in Frewsburg, New York at the age of 80. The cause of death was end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on February 27, 1943 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Jeremiah R. and Ora Lee (née Dennison) Lewis. Bob was a graduate of Tyner High School, Chattanooga, TN. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving from 1961 to 1993 earning the rank of Master Sergeant. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and Southeastern Seminary earning a doctorate in Theology. He served as Pastor at First Baptist Church in Falconer from 2007 to 2013. While serving as pastor Bob enjoyed sharing the gospel with various Bible study groups. He was a member of the Sylvan Lodge #303, Scottish Rite, Mount Sinai Mecca Chapter #132, Order of Eastern Star, where he served as Patron several times. He was also the first male Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. Bob was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Frewsburg Chapter #978 serving as State Chaplain for several years. He was a Founding Member and Past-President of the David L.
Woodburn VVA Chapter #978 in Frewsburg, NY. He also was a past member of the Town of Carroll Senior Citizens. Bob loved to travel to gospel music concerts in Pennsylvania and Ohio and travel on bus trips around the country to visit new and interesting areas where he had never been before. Many new friends were made through these trips. He was always ready to speak to any organization or group of people given a half hour notice. Surviving is his wife Linda R. (née Woodburn) Lewis whom he married May 18, 2001 in Vernon, CT; a son David L. Lewis and his wife Jane; and two daughters: Sheila Smith and Sheri Lowe. He also had several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister Annise Lewis. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday in Clark’s Corners Community Church, One Gospel Lane, Kennedy, NY. Reverend Richard Johnson pastor of the church officiated. The burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Frewsburg. Friends were received by the family from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday in the Falconer Funeral Home. A Masonic service was held at 6:45 PM on Tuesday in the funeral home. An Order of Eastern Star service was held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday in the funeral home. Memorials may be donated to Clark’s Corners Community Church or Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care.

DAVID WILLIAM LONG – Died suddenly Friday, April 5, 2024 in Lockport, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on February 4, 1951 in North Tonawanda, New York to the late George and Geraldine (née Brown) Long. David proudly served our country in the United States Navy as a machinist’s mate. He was a mechanic for Ridge Road Express for 29 years. David enjoyed cars, going to car shows, working on his truck and collecting NASCAR memorabilia. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268. David was predeceased by his wife Brenda (née Zobrist) Long; daughter Tracey Palmeri; sister Charlotte Long. He is survived by his companion Loretta Nuhfer; son Brian (Tammy Curry) Long; grandchildren Alexander and Alyssa Long. Relatives and friends visited on Wednesday April 10, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the Prudden and Kandt Funeral Home 242 Genesee Street. Private graveside services took place in Acacia Park Cemetery.

JAMES STANLEY “Peanut” LOVINS - Died Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Winston, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Bill Arp, Georgia on July 11, 1951 to the late Clarence Lovins and the late Jewell (née Owens) Lovins. He was a United States Army Veteran. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030. He is survived by his wife; Kim Wallace Lovins: daughter: Cynthia “Cindy” Lovins Gilbert (Brian); grandchildren: Deanna Gilbert Cobb (Bryce), Alyssa Jewell Gilbert; brothers: Kenneth Lovins, Ollie B. Lovins; nephew: Timothy James Lovins (Jeanette). The family received friends at Hightower’s
Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. The funeral service was held in the Chapel of the funeral home on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Sam Braswell officiating. The interment was at the Georgia National Cemetery at 2:30 PM. You may share your thoughts and condolences online at www.hightowersmemorial.com. Hightower’s Memorial Chapel of Douglasville was in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM DAVID “Dave” LYTLE, SR. - Died Saturday March 30, 2024 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. Dave was born in Parnell, Missouri on September 25, 1946 and moved to Pittsburgh in 1957. He lived in Beaver, PA for 42 years and recently lived in Chippewa Township. In addition to his parents, Dave was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Gail (née Martin) Lytle in 2021. He is survived by a brother George D. (Tina) Lytle, Odenton, MD, three children, Mary C. (Scott) Higby, Ellwood City, Rena’ L. (John) Toomey, Norfolk VA and William D. (Misty) Lytle, Jr., Beaver and eight grandchildren, Scott Vincent (Jenna) Higby, Joshua D. Higby, Abigail F. Higby, Maryna G. Lytle, Noah D. Lytle, Daniel N. Lytle, Jonathan F. Toomey, and Charlotte F. Toomey. Dave also is survived many nieces and nephews. After serving as an Infantry Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, Dave served 26 years as a Pennsylvania State Trooper in Beaver, PA and 15 years as a Senior Security Specialist for Federal Express Corporation in Pittsburgh, PA. While serving with the Pennsylvania State Police, he received a Commissioner’s Letter of Commendation for bravery, Troop Commander’s Letter of Commendation for outstanding investigation and arrest, and US Air Flight 427 Commendation. While serving with Federal Express Corporation, he received numerous outstanding performance awards for investigations. Dave was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA, where he served as an elder, deacon, and longtime member of Community Bible Study. Dave was also active in the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout Award as a youth and awarded the Silver Beaver Award as a Unit Commissioner in the Beaver Valley District of Laurel Highlands Council. He also belonged to FOP Lodge 54, Retired State Police Association of Pennsylvania, American Legion Post 261, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland Chapter #862 and Gideons International. Friends were received on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM in the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver. A funeral service was conducted on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver. The burial with full military honors took place on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville. Online condolences may be shared at nollfuneral.com.
MICHAEL JOSEPH MACCHIA – Died Sunday, March 31, 2024 which was Easter Sunday in Barnegat, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke. Michael was born in East New York, Brooklyn on July 2, 1946 to the late Michael and Marian Macchia. He was a long time resident of Middle Village, Queens. In recent years he and his wife Carol had relocated to Barnegat, New Jersey and enjoyed a happy life there. As a member of the United States Air Force, he served in the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Michael would tell his children about accompanying doctors on humanitarian missions. He also volunteered as part of a group of Vietnam veterans visiting patients at the Brooklyn VA Medical Center. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72. Michael was a licensed oil burner mechanic by trade, servicing Middle Village and the surrounding areas. He was a long time member of Saint Margaret’s Parish. He married his wife Carol at Saint Margaret’s and all three of their children attended school and were baptized there. He coached both baseball and basketball for many years while winning championships. He has a long list of former players and coaches that hold him in high regard. Before moving to Barnegat Michael and Carol had become members of Our Lady of Hope Parish and on their 50th wedding anniversary renewed their vows there. After moving to Barnegat, Michael and Carol quickly became friends with many members of their community. In the two years that he lived there he and his wife established relationships with their neighbors that are reflected in the outpouring of support his family has received from them. Michael is survived by his wife Carol, his son Michael and his wife Karen, his son Paul and his wife Ermine, his daughter Maria and her partner Josh, his soon to be born granddaughter Emilia, his brother Jimmy and his wife Joan and his sister Lorraine and her husband Joe, his sister in law Janet and his brother-in-law John. He was preceded in death by his mother Marian, his father Michael and his father-in-law, John. Family was everything to Michael. He can be remembered by his forgiving nature, his faith in God, his love of his friends and the selfless service he provided to those around him. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

JOHN MARCY (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 11, 1942 in Lackawanna, New York. He is survived by his wife, Paula (née Linton) Marcy; children Michael, Matthew, Christopher, Lesley (Levicki), and Jennifer (Mrochek); 17 grandchildren; sister Rita (late David) Daberkow, and brother-in-law David Quagliana; and six nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sister Ruth (Quagliana). Colonel Marcy attended Queen of All Saints Elementary School, Canisius High School, and graduated from John Carroll University. He entered the United States Army in 1964 serving in a multitude of Infantry, Aviation and Procurement
Assignments. His military career spanned a variety of command assignments, included two combat tours in Vietnam and was highlighted by a five-year assignment as the Assistant Program Manager (Log) during the development of the US Army’s Apache Helicopter Program. His awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal w/valor device, 23 Air Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, and countless certificates and letters of commendation. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls (Ohio) Chapter 717. Upon retirement from the Army, Colonel Marcy and his wife remained in Hudson, OH where he pursued a 2nd career in Aquatics Management. He retired once again from the Hudson School System where he directed the Aquatic Programs for the Elementary School as well as the Hudson Recreation Department. During retirement he continued a close association with aquatics by consulting for developers, volunteering for the Red Cross, and managing several swimming pools throughout the Hudson area. In 2020, John and Paula relocated to South Pasadena, FL. He continued to serve the community as a Director on the Board of Directors at Baywatch of Harbourside. A dedicated husband, father and grandfather, John regularly traveled great distances to attend concerts, sporting events, performances, religious milestones, graduations, and weddings. He also loved a good song, and his enjoyment of the sunshine was unmatchd. Visitation was held on May 10th from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home, 4143 Dade Boulevard, Dale City, VA 22193. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 14160 Ferndale Road, Woodbridge, VA. The interment was at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. In remembrance of Colonel Marcy’s well-lived life, the family requests that charitable donations be made to one of the following organizations in lieu of flowers: Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association; Army Aviation Association of America; Vietnam Veterans of America or; Salesian Missions.

GLENN ELMER MARSHALL, JR. - Died suddenly on Sunday, August 27, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on November 17, 1956 to the late Glenn Elmer Marshall, Sr. and Janie J. (née Raskie) Marshall. Glenn was a proud retired United States Navy Veteran serving in Desert Storm and traveled the world to protect our country. He belonged to the VFW, was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266, enjoyed Jimmy Buffet concerts, NASCAR and sharing stories of his Navy travels with all that knew him. He was the beloved brother of Jeff (Helane) Marshall, Jacki (Tom) Marshall, and Kim (Kyle) Thorson; loving uncle of his three nieces; Stefany, Jessica, and Courtney, three nephews, Zachary, Brian, and Hunter as well as a great-niece; Emma Jane, and four great-nephews, Jackson, Owen, Richard and Waylon. Relatives and friends were invited to offer condolences to his family on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the T.J. Fluehr Funeral Home at 11010 Knights Road, Philadelphia, PA with a Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon. Glenn wished to spend eternity among the seas, so his ashes were spread by the United States Navy at a later date. In
lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Glenn's name may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org To share a memory of Glenn, please visit www.tjfluehr.com.

FRANCIS PHILIP MARTINO – Died Monday, February 5, 2024 in Stony Point, New York at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Francis was born in Haverstraw, New York on January 9, 1943 to the late Philip and Pauline (née Young) Martino, the eldest of four children. He graduated from Haverstraw High School and then attended Manhattan College. In 1964 he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a PFC before being honorably discharged. Butcher by trade, Francis worked for many years in his father's store, Martino's Market, and then later retired from Costco. Besides his family Francis loved two things, Hawaiian vacations and, as an avid billiard player, his pool room. He will be remembered by many for his fun personality, jokes and sense of humor. He was a member of the Haverstraw Elks and the DAV. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333. Francis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and uncle. Francis is survived by his wife of 56 years Melodie (née Nelson) Martino, his children Gina and Francis, grandson Matthew, sister Christine Fink (Edward Jr) and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Philip and Pauline (Young) Martino, his brothers Philip and Paul and his son Christopher. Viewing was held on Friday, February 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the George M. Holt Funeral Home in Haverstraw, New York and services were held on Saturday February 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point, NY.

MICHAEL H. “Mike” McDERMOTT - Died peacefully, Wednesday, August 30, 2023 in Homer, New York at the age of 78, after long-standing health struggles which originally stemmed from exposure to Agent Orange. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 23, 1945 in Binghamton, New York and raised in Cortland to the late John and Mary Pavlyak. Mike graduated with honors from Saint Mary's High School and over the years attended Onondaga Community College, University of Maryland, SUNY Cortland and Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3). Mike joined the United States Navy in 1964 and was honorably discharged in 1967. He served a year in Vietnam where he worked in communication and intelligence with a Marine support battalion. On base he also served as a rifleman and assistant M60 machine gunner. While in Vietnam he was promoted to Petty Officer 2nd Class. Prior to deploying to South Vietnam, he attended jungle warfare school for weapons and survival training. For his sacrifice, Mike was awarded the Purple Heart, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, various South Vietnamese awards, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross and Service Star. He retired in 2001 from the U.S. Postal Service in Cortland, where was a letter carrier for many years. Following his retirement, Mike took an interest in local politics, serving three terms
as a Homer Village Trustee and three terms as the Mayor. Mike was honored to serve two terms as the Commander of the New York State American Legion. He was the first person from Cortland County in the Legions’ 100-year history to serve as Commander. He joined the American Legion in 1980, serving various leadership roles including 13 years as Commander of the Burns-McCauliffe Post #465, Homer, and four years as Commander of the Cortland County American Legion. He served as Commander and Vice Commander of the Legion’s Sixth District and in 2010 he was the Sixth District Legionnaire of the Year. He was also a graduate of American Legion College, and a member of the National and New York State American Legion Press Associations. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377. In his spare time, Dermie enjoyed watching sports, especially the NY Yankees, Syracuse Orange and NY Giants. Surviving are his children, Jonathan (Melissa) McDermott of Homer; Katelyn (Kyle) Leonard of Queensbury and Annemarie (David) Farris of Tennessee; six grandchildren, Jocelyne, Rosalie and Elliott McDermott and Brigitte, Riter and Vada Sue Leonard. Also surviving are his longtime companion, Diana Moreland; a niece, Mary McDermott and nephew, Christopher McDermott. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, James McDermott. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Saint Margaret’s Church, 14 Copeland Avenue, Homer, where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Reverend Father Joseph Zareski. The interment, with Naval honors, was in Glenwood Cemetery, Homer. Calling hours were held from 5:00–8:00 PM on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home, 5016 US Route 11, Homer, NY. Memorial contributions in Mr. McDermott’s name may be directed to the Burns-McCauliffe Post #465 American Legion, PO Box 141, Homer, NY 13077.

**HERMAN HASSELL MCLAWHORN** - Died Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 94. The cause of death is unknown. He was one of ten children born in Kinston, North Carolina on May 19, 1929 to the late Herman and Fonnie McLawhorn. He grew up on the family farm. He served in the United States Army in Korea. He attended East Carolina College (ECU), majoring in Accounting and worked for Simon Sitterson PA as a Staff Accountant and later at Neil Realty Group, Neil Medical Group as Comptroller. After retirement, he dedicated his time to veterans, as he was a member of American Legion Post #43, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2771, Golden Kiwanis Club, and founding member of Salute: A Tribute to America’s Veterans and curator of The Walk of Honor. He was a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892. He was a founding member of Faith Fellowship Church. He is survived by his daughters, Susan (née Glenn) Spencer and Kellie Beasley both of Wilmington, NC; son, Ed (Aimy) Cook of Greenville, SC; daughter, Patsy Cook of Ponte Vedre Beach, FL; and son, Brian (Tracey) Cook of Dumfries, VA; eleven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; sister, Joyce M. Moore of The Villages, FL; special niece, Donna McLawhorn of Snow Hill; special friend who he thought of as a brother, Wilson P. Jones of Deep Run; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, as well as great grand nieces and nephews and many cousins, and his beloved dachshund, Dixie. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Bonnie H.
McLawhorn; his siblings, Carma Pate, William McLawhorn, Virgie Daniels, Georgie Kilpatrick, Thelma Simpkins, Peggy Creech, Douglas McLawhorn, and Kenneth McLawhorn, as well as his parents. Funeral services were held at graveside at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Veterans’ Mausoleum at Pinelawn Memorial Park, 4488 US Highway 70 West, Kinston, NC 28504. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorials be made to GI Joe’s Military Living History Museum, 1165 B, Highway 11/55 South, Kinston, NC 28501 or Pruitt Health Hospice and Palliative Care, 2313 A Executive Circle, Greenville, NC 27834.

JOSEPH J. MEISNER - Died Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in Bluffton, South Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey on March 5, 1948 to the late Sonny and Eleanor Meisner and then to Hopatcong in 1970 and then to Ledgewood. Joseph was in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327. Joseph worked at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover as a Material Handler. He was a member of the NRA and he loved his corvette. He is survived by his brother “Bob” Meisner and his wife Patti of Bluffton, S.C. and two nieces Tara Meisner or Homestead, FL and Hollie Udvaronocky and her husband Roman of Bluffton, S.C., Joseph is predeceased by his parents Sonny and Eleanor Meisner. The visitation was held on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Tuttle Funeral Home, 272 Route 10, Randolph. (www.tuttlefh.com). The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Saint Therese Roman Catholic Church, Succasunna. The interment was in Gate of Heaven Mausoleum. Donations may be made in his memory to: VA New Jersey Health Care System, Lyons Campus, Voluntary Service Office (135), 151 Knollcroft Road, Lyons, NJ 07939.

RICHARD MERLE “Rich” MEYER - Died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at his home in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania at the age of 73, after a long battle with Agent Orange-related cancer with his family by his side. He was born on November 11, 1949 in Saint Marys to the late Robert J. and Katherine (née DeLullo) Meyer. He was a lifelong resident of Saint Marys and was a graduate of Saint Marys Area High School. Rich was extremely proud of his service for his country, serving in the United States Army as an Infantryman with the 7/17 Air Calvary during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter 720. On May 17, 2014, in Saint Marys, Rich married Leah E. Erich, who survives. Along with his loving wife, Leah, Rich is survived by one daughter, Vicki Johnson (Scott) of St. Marys; his son, Tony Meyer (Tracy) of Winchester, VA; three grandchildren: Kyla and Ava Johnson and Jack Meyer; two step-children: Stephanie Hanes Larabee (Chris) of Shalimar, FL, Jason Hanes (Marguerite) of Saint Marys; seven step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; five sisters: Connie Otteni (late Dave) of Coatsville, PA, Mary Wool (Jim) of Jersey Shore, PA, Julia Rollick (Mike) of Byrnedale, PA, Barbara Vollmer (Dave) of Kersey, PA, and Annette Agosti of Saint Marys, PA; six brothers: Robert Meyer, Jr. (April) of St. Marys, PA, Tom Meyer (Cindy) of Saint Marys, PA, Steve Meyer (Lori) of Philipsburg, PA, Andy Meyer (Melissa) of Saint Marys, PA, Bill Meyer (Marcy)
of Saint Marys, PA, and Dean Meyer (Kristin) of Watrous, PA; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

CLARK WILLIS MIXON (USAF, CMSgt-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at Community Hospice Alice and T. O’Neal Douglas Center for Caring in Florida and at the age of 89, with his loving family by his side. He was a resident of Macclenny, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Clark was born in Ocilla, Georgia on February 10, 1935 to the late James Clark Mixon and Reba (née Hudson) Mixon. He was raised in Jacksonville, Florida and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1953. Following school, he played baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers minor leagues as a pitcher for three years and then joined the United States Air Force in December of 1956. Clark retired as a Chief Master Sergeant after 26 years of service and then enjoyed another 21 years as a Project Manager with Computer Sciences Corporation in Washington, DC. Clark was very blessed. He had two amazing careers, 2 beautiful wives, 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. After the passing of his first wife, Clella (née Crawford) Mixon, he married Jewell (née Raulerson) Mixon on November 12, 2005. Clark was passionate about his family and loved spending precious time with them. He also enjoyed traveling on cruises and told family and friends the magic number of cruises is 37. He loved listening to country music and bowling. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Glen Saint Mary Chapter #1134, the Belton, Missouri Masonic Lodge #450, and was a longtime dedicated member of the Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church. Clark enjoyed daily fellowship and coffee with the local veterans at the Heritage Park Coffee Clutch. Many stories and friendships were made throughout the years. He was certainly an amazing man who will be greatly missed. Clark was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Clella Crawford Mixon; daughter, Lori Prouty; and brother, Gerald Mixon. Clark is survived by his loving wife of 18 ½ years, Jewell (née Raulerson) Mixon of Macclenny, FL; children, Carla (Paul) Ecoff, Melissa (Ronny) Call, James (Julie) Gray; son-in-law, Keith Prouty; 11 grandchildren, Alex Call, Abbie Call, Clark Call, Matthew Ecoff, Daniel Ecoff, Jennifer Wilson, Katelin Leonesio, Garrett Prouty, Karen Rees, Emily Mosley, and Eva Nelson; 9 great-grandchildren; siblings, Marsine Clark, James Mixon, and Doris (Bill) Reeves; brother-in-law, Wayne (Regina) Raulerson; along with several extended family members and friends. A Celebration of Clark’s Life was held on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Macclenny Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor David Crawford and Pastor Mike Green officiating. The interment was at Conner Green Cemetery where military honors were rendered. The family received friends an hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Samaritan’s Purse, samaritianspurse.org or Tunnel to Towers, t2t.org. The arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services, 250 North Lowder Street, Macclenny, FL. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family’s guest book.
EUGENE LESLIE "Gene" MOLISEE (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Banner Bosewell Medical Center in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 78. He was a resident of Ray City, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1945 in New Eagle Boro, Pennsylvania to the late Clarence Molisee and Millison (née Swindling) Molisee. Gene served his country in the United States Air Force and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant after 27 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post #115 and served as Commander for 6 years. He was also a member of the VFW in Nashville, Georgia. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald (Georgia) Chapter #1082. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of First Baptist Church Ray City where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed serving the Ray City community by giving his time and effort. His most enjoyed hobby was woodworking. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers: Ronald Molisee, Harold Molisee; his sister, Patricia Brunack and his brother-in-law, Edward Yakich. Survivors include his wife, Vivian (née Dasher) Molisee of Ray City, Georgia; daughter, Teresa Bullard of Hahira, Georgia; son, Billy Molisee (Regina) of Cairo, Georgia; grandchildren: Kelly Herring (Jarrod), Kayla McDowell (Kevin), Jamie Bullard, Luke Molisee and Lane Molisee; great grandchildren: Brynlee, Britton, Jett and Jensee Herring, Bowen and Millie McDowell; sisters, Noreen Yakich of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, Barbara Hartman (Matty) of Charleroi, Pennsylvania; brothers: Nelson Molisee (Toni) of West Newton, Pennsylvania, sister-in-law, Jerrye Molisee of Dale City, Oklahoma; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 15, 2024 at the First Baptist Church of Ray City. The burial was in Westview Cemetery, Nashville, Georgia where full military honors were rendered. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at the funeral home. Kind words and expressions of sympathy can be left for the family at www.musicfuneralservices.com. The Molisee family was served by the professional and caring staff of Music Funeral Services of Lakeland.

STANLEY DELANEY MOORE (USMC, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, April 27, 2024 at home in Spartanburg, South Carolina at the age of 96. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Forest City, North Carolina on June 19, 1927 and he was raised in Caroleen, North Carolina by the late George Bunni and Daisey (née Green) Moore. After high school, Stanley enlisted with the United States Marine Corps. He was called to duty and fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was a China Marine and also served two tours in Vietnam. After 28 years, having achieved the rank of Master Sergeant, Stanley retired from the Marine Corps and became the owner of Zack’s CB. He also worked as a contractor with Tel Autograph Corporation for over 20 years. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Landrum Chapter #1149. Stanley leaves behind
his wife of 66 years, Eleanor (née Stephens) Moore; daughter, Jeri “Jasper” Stamey; grandchildren, Holly Stamey and Andy Moore; great-grandchildren, Drew Black, August Smith, Mylo Smith, Islie Smith, Isaac Moore, and Silas Moore; sister, Joy Higgins; and many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Stanley “George” Moore, Jr.; grandson, Stanley Moore, III; brother, Jerry Moore; and sisters, Opal Russo and Gwen Cash. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church, 797 Old Georgia Road, Moore, SC. The interment with Military Honors was in the church cemetery. In honor of Stanley, memorial contributions may be made to Veteran’s Last Patrol, https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/how-to-help or to Wounded Warrior Project, https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

WILLIAM CHARLES “Charlie” MORTENSEN - Died Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at Unity Point Health- Saint Luke Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa at the age of 77. He was a resident of Whiting, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Charlie was born on September 13, 1946 in Sioux City, Iowa to the late William and Joan (née Richardson) Mortensen. He graduated from Sioux City Central High School. Charlie proudly served in the United States Coast Guard July 1, 1966, and was honorably discharged on December 23, 1970. Charlie and Catherine “Cathy” Nosal were united in marriage on July 27, 1991, in San Antonio, Texas. He worked as a police officer in Denver, Colorado. Charlie then operated and owned Charlie’s Malt Shop and the Cross Shop in Whiting, Iowa. He also worked at Sam’s Club as a Market Membership Representative for over eighteen years. Charlie enjoyed golfing, fishing, and visiting with his family. He loved his favoriteoggies, Puddles, Stormy, and Buddy. Charlie enjoyed playing guitar and singing and was the founding member of the Mustangs Band. He was in the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in Okoboji, Iowa. Charlie went on tour with the Beach Boys. He was a member of the Whiting Christian Church, the Weston Lodge No. 562 A.F. & A.M. of Whiting, Iowa, Abu Bekr Shriners, VFW, and the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce. Charlie led the Celebrate Recovery meetings in Whiting, Iowa, for many years. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veteran of America – Aurelia Chapter #888. Survivors include his wife, Cathy Mortensen of Whiting, Iowa; children, Lisa (Trapper) Short of Mobile, Alabama, and Eric (Michelle) Mortensen of Birmingham, Alabama; grandchildren, Michael Lee of Mobile, Alabama, and Brittany Lee of Mobile, Alabama; great-grandchild, Emma Kate Lee; and other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William “Bill” and Joan (Richardson) Mortensen; paternal and maternal grandparents; and many aunts and uncles. A funeral service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the Whiting Christian Church, Whiting, Iowa, with Pastor Jed Shermer, officiating. A live-stream of the service was posted on the Goslar Funeral Home website with Charlie’s obituary. A luncheon followed the funeral service at the church. The burial was in the Whiting City Cemetery, Whiting, Iowa, with Masonic Rites led by: Steve Jewett, orator. Military Honors were provided by the United States Coast Guard and the Emery-Johnson American Legion Post #481 of Whiting, Iowa. A visitation was held from 5:00– 7:00 PM on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the Whiting Christian Church. The
arrangements were under the direction of the Goslar Funeral Home and Monuments, Onawa, Iowa. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.goslarfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS CHATELAIN "Tom" NAPIER, SR. - Died Saturday, February 10, 2024 in Gulfport, Mississippi at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gulfport on November 11, 1950 to the late Beverly J. Napier and Thomas Shive Napier. He was also predeceased by his daughters, Iris and Daisy. Thomas is survived by his wife of 50 years, Deborah T. Napier; his sons, Thomas C. Napier, Jr. (Rebecca), and Matthew M. Napier (Emily); his grandchildren, Madeline Napier, Alex Holbert, Lauren Napier, Abigail Napier, Hailey Clayton, and Michael Clayton; and other relatives, Carol Damato, Richard Angel, Karen Robertson, and Pam Fogg. Thomas was a native and resident of Gulfport, MS, he attended Gulfport East High School, Class of ’68, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Perkinston. He was also in the United States Army as a Specialist-4 Aviation Brigade Vietnam 1971 where he was an air traffic control radar controller. He also worked for BellSouth/AT&T and retired from there in 2003 but continued to work, most recently at Branch Electric. He was the recipient of the “World’s Greatest Dad” mug in 1985. Thomas had lots of hobbies and interests including fishing, hunting, genealogy, gaming, knife and gun collecting, youth baseball coaching, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren. He was very involved within the community spending time with Pioneers (BellSouth), Vietnam Veterans of America (1150), Gulfport Jaycees, and Saint James Catholic Church. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #1150. Tom will be sadly missed by his loving wife, sons, daughters-in-laws, grandchildren and his dog, Bosco. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mississippi Coast Chapter Vietnam Veterans of America #1150, PO Box 553, Long Beach, MS, 39560. The Riemann Family Funeral Home, Gulfport was serving the family. Please visit www.riemannfamily.com where memories and photos may be shared.

DONALD JOSEPH "Don" NIEMANN, JR. – Died quietly on Thursday, February 15, 2024 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 1, 1945 to the late Donald Joseph Niemann, Sr. of Ponca City who served in the Army Air Corps and his wife Joan Niemann. Don attended Saint Mary’s Catholic School in Ponca City and graduated from OSU with an Agriculture Economics Degree in 1967. After college Don served his country during the Vietnam War as a United States Army Staff Sergeant from 1968 to 1970. Several fellow soldiers commented through the years that the only reason they survived Vietnam was because of Don Niemann. While serving in Vietnam Don received the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device for Heroism, the Bronze Star Medal and the
Combat Infantry Badge. Don founded, owned and operated Niemann Fencing Company for over 40 years in Ponca City before retiring in 2019. His integrity as a businessman and his attention to detail made his fence company one of the best in the area. He built many projects for ConocoPhillips through the years and he had the reputation of getting each job done to its particular specifications which made his business a success for decades. Don received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Ponca City, Rotary Club and he was recognized several years for outstanding service and performance from Conoco Phillips. Don was involved in the VFW, American Legion, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #950 and he was a member of the Osage Indian Tribe. The Osage Veterans Memorial in Pawhuska, Oklahoma honors both Don and his father as being members of the Osage Tribe and for serving our country. Don is survived by his wife Sarah (née Weaver) Niemann, his two sons Lee Niemann of Sugarland, Texas and Hal Niemann of Broken Arrow, and 6 grandchildren. Don and his wife were married 57 years.

DANIEL THOMAS “Dan” Paprocki – Died Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Webster, New York at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on March 6, 1943 to the late Theodore and Stephanie Paprocki. He was also predeceased by his wife, Jean; his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Roberta. He is survived by his sons, Mark and Matthew (Jennifer) Paprocki; special greatest friend, Kathy Cahill; sister, Gayle (David) Livingston; brothers, David (Gail) and Glen (Sandra) Paprocki; 3 grandchildren, Megan, Madison and Preston; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Dan was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran who served from October 13, 1964 to October 5, 1968 and worked for RG&E for 30 years. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. Calling hours were held on Monday, March 4th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Harris Funeral Home, 570 Kings Highway South, where his memorial service followed at 1:00 PM. The inurnment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

THOMAS J. “Tom” Patock – Died Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in Port Orange, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death was complications from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on April 3, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048. He retired from USPS after 33 years of service. He is survived by his son, Mark Patock of Port Orange. Tom was cremated and Mark brought the ashes to New Jersey to be buried in the National Cemetery along with his wife who predeceased him. He is also survived by another son, Shawn and three granddaughters.

BERNARD RICHARD PFLUGER – Died recently in 224 in Chantilly, Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on November 7, 1941. He served in the United States Air Force from July 6, 1966 to July 2, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam. He attained
the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227.

JAMES LEWIS PHILLIPS - Died Wednesday, March 6, 2024 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Evansville, Indiana on July 16, 1950 to the late James William Phillips and Rose Mary (née Gates) Phillips. James is survived by his beloved wife Diana Teresa (née Smith) Phillips; his children Michelle Louise (Phillips) Popilek, James Marvin Phillips, and Jamie Sue Phillips; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; two brothers, Sam and Mark Phillips. He was preceded in death by his mother Rose Mary, father James, and brothers Donald, Keith and Mack. James will be remembered for his storytelling, kind heart, and unwavering love for his family and animals. James graduated from Central High School in Evansville, Indiana, in the Spring of 1968. He then went on to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in November of that same year. During his time in Vietnam, he earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a proud Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Sainte Lucie Chapter #566, showcasing Semper Fi throughout his life. After his time in the service James met the love of his life Diana and married on April 25, 1981. They lived happily in Evansville, Indiana majority of their life where James worked for the United States Postal Service until his retirement; when they decided to move to sunny Port St. Lucie, FL, in 2018. James was a beloved husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. Not only was James a proud Vietnam Veteran, he also had numerous, ever-changing passions. Some of his hobbies included his extensive coin and stamp collections, fishing, hunting, spending time with his family and animals, and of course, telling cheesy jokes. James had an avid thirst for knowledge and appreciation for history. He was often spending his spare time researching topics of interest and reading books. He enjoyed expanding his knowledge so much so that he went on to earn multiple college degrees later on in his life and even taught at Port St. Lucie Middle School. He was incredibly inquisitive and knowledgeable and loved to share his knowledge with anyone and everyone. James’ loyalty to the ones he loved was fierce, despite hardships faced, he never wavered in his love for those around him. His legacy will carry on forever reminding us to be proud, to love, to choose to live a life full of meaningful acts, and Semper Fi, always. We miss you, but heaven is so lucky to have you. A Celebration of Life for James was celebrated at a later date. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure... You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.
JON FRANCIS PINTELLO – Died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 in Lecanto, Florida at the age of 77. The cause was death was Agent Orange-related Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML) is a rare type of blood cancer. He was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont on March 3, 1947 to the late Natale Pintello and Margaret (née Gillis) Pintello. Jon grew up with older brother Ron and at 12 years old welcomed sister Marti, both of whom he cherished and kept a close and loving relationship with. Jon grew up in Bellows Falls where he served as an altar boy with his favorite cousin; Terry Griffin and graduated from Bellows Falls High School. Jon served in the United States Army in Vietnam with Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry from 1966-68 and was awarded both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star during his tour of duty. He received the Bronze Star in June 1968 for personal bravery and devotion to duty when he and his crew were given the task of recovering a disabled and burning tank while under heavy enemy fire. Jon jumped onto the burning vehicle and used his rifle to cover his squadron while they battled the flames, eventually recovering the tank and returning it to friendly forces. In July 1968 He received the Purple Heart when he was wounded in action. When he came home Jon attended Castleton College where he met Val who gave birth to his only child Zara in May of 1970. Jon discovered Blacksmithing which became his lifelong passion and career. He studied forging at Tuley Forge in Santa Fe, New Mexico and spent time learning Native American culture and was invited to attend some sacred rituals. When he returned to Vermont, Jon started Freedom Forge. He created beauty from his anvil and hammer and was commissioned to create many beautiful gates, fences, and stairwells including the Saratoga Race Course. He was a true artist and is best known for his whimsical art pieces that delighted his grandchildren and friends. Jon made many friends, and he loved them all as much as they loved him. He was charming and funny and had a magnetic personality. If he had a hobby, it was collecting friends and anvils. In 1988 Jon met the love of his life Peg Gibbud-DeLong and married June 4, 1989. She is angelic, he had a bit of the devil in him and together they formed a perfect union. This union was blissful, and Jon was delighted to welcome two more daughters Molly and Emily. Their life in Castleton saw Jon creating "Rotten Iron" art while Peg created beautiful gardens, pairing her flowers with his trellises, bird houses and other metal creations. In 2003 Jon and Peg welcomed their first grandchild Madilyn, followed soon after by two more born a week apart in 2005; Sophia and Lily. Other than home, Jon's favorite places to be in Castleton were Tomassi's and the camp at Leonard Land where he would drink beers, tell stories and laugh for hours with more friends than I can list here, but if you are reading this now – please know he loved you. Jon was a Vermonter, but hated the cold months, and scouted and purchased a perfect getaway home in Lecanto, Florida. While he differed politically with his neighbors, they still formed the deepest of bonds, and he created a new group of friends to share laughs and beers with. These friends are still caring for and helping Peg and family while she remains in her Florida home. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #001. Due to the exposure to agent Orange in Vietnam, Jon suffered from CMML which developed into AML, a type of blood cancer. On April 30, 2024 Jon passed away holding Peg's hand. Jon will be remembered by all who know him. He will be missed by his
wife of 35 years, Peg Pintello; His Daughters and son in law, Zara Vincent, Molly and Brian Morgan and Emily DeLong, Grandchildren Madilyn and Lily Morgan and Sophia Buonadonna. His siblings Ron Pintello, Marti Saindon and niece Daynia Burrill, as well as all his friends and family who hold him in their hearts. Jon Pintello's celebration of life was held at Tomassi's on 2 Liberty Street, Fair Haven, VT on Sunday June 9th from 1:00-4:00 PM. Cremation was under the direction of the Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

**LEROY THOMAS “Tom” POWERS** - Died Sunday, March 3, 2024 at his home in Auburn, New York at the age of 88, following a lengthy illness. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia. Tom was born on May 24, 1935 in Cortland, New York to the late Seth and Murial (née Alger) Powers. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1955 and served until 1958. Following his service in the Army he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a SEAL from 1966-1968. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704 and a Life member of American Legion Post #1324. Tom had several jobs in his life, working for Norwich Pharmaceutical Co., as a produce manager for A & P and Big M, as a construction foreman, working with Habitat for Humanity and as an independent logger/lumberjack. His hobbies and interests included being a SCUBA Diving instructor; judo instructor; fishing, hunting and fast-pitch softball. He was very dedicated to the Assembly of God Church and the Outreach Program. Tom is survived by his wife-Charlene (née Durgan) Evener-Powers; 9 children-Mickey Centrone, Timothy(Suzanne) Powers, John Powers, Penny Schultz, Albert Powers, Ta'Mara (Brandon) Seymour, Matthew & Mark (Jessica) Evener and Alexis Powers. His step-mother Thelma Powers, a brother- David (Sherry) Powers; 3 sisters-Joan Nadge, Sue Powers and Marsha (Vic) Havran; 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; siblings David, Joan, children Mickey and Albert and 3 grandchildren-Emily Miner, John Jay Powers, Jr. and Caleb Reming. Funeral services were held on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM at the New Hope Bible Fellowship, 2362 Oak Hill Road, Moravia, NY. Reverend Dale Weed officiated. Calling hours were held from 1:00-3:00 PM prior to the funeral service. Spring interment was in Fleming Rural Cemetery with Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or POW-MIA Families.org. The funeral arrangements were made by the Wade Funeral Home, Moravia.

**GARY JOSEPH RADULSKI** - Died Friday, March 22, 2024 in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Roseville on January 22, 1948 to the late Joseph and Lilly Radulski. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth; Father to Jason and Jamie (Mark); Stepfather to James (Meagan), Megan (Daniel), Joseph (Jaclyn), Mathew (Lindsay), Elise (Mark), Alexandra (Joel), Grace and John; Grandfather to 13, Kaylee, Lylah, Juliana,
Benjamin, Violet, Henry, Natalie, William, Charlotte, Zachary, Avery, Leena, and James, and; Brother to Ronald (Pat). Gary grew up in Roseville Michigan where he was a graduate of Roseville High School. Gary was very active in sports and earned the selection making the all-county baseball team. Upon graduation Gary was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After the war he became an insurance auditor and was very active in softball and bowling. He especially enjoyed bowling with his brother Ron. He Lived in Grand Rapids for a while where he worked at Sams Club and was a member of the Saint Ladislau Polish Club. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154. Gary was very social and made friends easily. He always looked forward to family dinner night every other Thursday and playing with his grandchildren. Gary was a vary avid sports fan, and enjoyed attending many sporting events and always looked forward to going to spring training with his best friend the late Dick Cook. He loved going to the Detroit Red Wing games with his friend Mike and car shows with his friend Larry showing off his 1931 Ford Model A. Gary also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. Gary met his wife Elizabeth (“Liz”) in July of 2013 at Saint Faustina Church and were married in 2017. Gary will be greatly missed. Visitation for Gary was held on Monday, March 25th from 2:00 to 8:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Rosary at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 32000 Schoenherr Road, in Warren. Gary laid-in-state Tuesday, March 26th from 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at Saint Faustina Catholic Church, 14025 Twelve Road, Warren, Michigan. The burial took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township in Michigan. Memorial donations to the wishes of the family are appreciated.

KENNETH RICHARD “Kenny” RAGELS - Died Sunday, September 17, 2023 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 28, 1950 in Aberdeen, South Dakota to the late Harvey and Jeanette (née Fortin) Ragels. Kenny served in the United States Air Force overseas in Thailand during Vietnam where he was an airplane mechanic. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054. On June 10, 1972 at the Chanute Air Force base in Illinois, he married the love of his life, Darlene Krueger. They later made their home in Watertown, South Dakota where they raised two daughters, Layle and Jacey. Kenny loved his family dearly. He was always the Dad and Big Brother everyone would go to for advice. He had a love for old cars and enjoyed tinkering around in the garage and he could fix anything! He also had a craft in woodworking. Kenny was a Senior Buyer at Angus Palm Industries until 1997 when he had a massive brain aneurysm, which left him unable to work. At that time his wife Darlene devoted her life to care for him. They had a love like no other. On October 11, 2015 Darlene passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Kenny is survived by his daughters, Layle (Jay) Nawroth and Jacey (Chris Ringler) Ragels of Watertown, SD; four grandchildren, Karter, Adilyn, Hayes and Bella; his siblings; Randy (Sue) Ragels of Bloomington, MN, Don (Linda) Ragels, Vance Ragels, Glen (Jean) Ragels and Gina (Jeff) Hegstrom all of Watertown, SD. Kenny is preceded in death by his wife Darlene; and his parents, Harvey and Jeanette Ragels. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 22, 2023 at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. The interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown with Military Honors. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday.
CHRISTOVIA E. RAMOS, JR. – Died Saturday, May 13, 2023 at USA Health University Medical Center in Mobile, Alabama. Surrounded by his loved ones. He was a resident of Eight Mile, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on March 19, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama. He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Ramos. His 2 sons Thomas Oakley (Marie) of Eight Mile, AL, Christovia E Ramos III (Johanna) of Hoover, AL, and 1 daughter Sonya King (Larry) of Nashville, TN. 5 grandchildren: Aaliyah Tucker, Heaven Ramos, Dynasty Oakley, Ashleigh Oakley, Christopher Oakley. 3 great-grandchildren: Harmony Tucker, Christine Oakley, and Kyland Thomas. Siblings: Errol Ramos, Sr. (Daviette) of Mobile AL, Thaddeus Ramos of Prichard AL, Lisa Harris (Joe) of Willingboro NJ, Byron Biscoe (Cathy) of Mobile, AL, Jamie McGruder of Mobile, AL, Sam Biscoe of Mobile, AL, Volita Almond of Atlanta, GA, and John King of Atlanta, GA. The viewing was held on Tuesday, May 16th from 4:00-8:00 PM at Smalls Mortuary - 950 S Broad St in Mobile AL. Homegoing Celebration was held on Wednesday, May 17th starting at 9:30 AM at The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception - 2 South Claiborne Street, Mobile. The interment was at 12:30 PM at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery - 34904 AL 225 Spanish Fort, AL. There was a repast following at the American Legion Wallace New Post #76 - 1918 Duvall Street, Mobile, AL. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Catholic Charities - P.O. Box 230 Mobile, AL 36601.

ANN TAYLOR GORLEY REAGAN - Died Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Advent Health Medical Center, Daytona, Florida at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Staten Island, New York on June 6, 1942 to the late Charles and Kate Fink. she had resided in Ormond Beach for over twenty years. She was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ormond Beach Chapter #1048. Ann was predeceased by her husband, George Reagan, her parents, Charles and Kate Fink, her daughter, Patricia Meier, and granddaughter, Patricia Cunha. Surviving are her son, James B. Eltringham (Tracy), Katherine Cunha Johnson (James), sister, Claire Thompson (Robert), four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her dearest friends, Theresa and Joe Bennett. Donations can be made in her memory to the Halifax Humane Society, 2364 LPGA Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32124.
RICHARD LEE “Rick” REIN, SR. – Died peacefully Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Minneapolis Veterans Home at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Hastings, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 13, 1947 to the late George and Leona (née Quick) Rein. Rick proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Navy as a naval reservist from 1966 to 1972, seeing active duty aboard the USS Blandy in 1968. This period was a defining chapter in his life, where he found comfort, support, and dear friendship among his fellow veterans. Following his military service, Rick settled in his hometown, where he married in 1977 and raised four children. He was a proud and devoted father and later grandfather, always eager to share stories and capture precious moments with his ever-present disposable camera. Rick’s outgoing personality and passion for storytelling served him well in his career as a mortgage banker. Deeply rooted in his faith, Rick was an active member of his church and volunteered with various organizations, utilizing his organizational skills and time to support those in need. His creative talents shone through in the beautiful church banners and intricate Christmas ornaments he crafted. Rick also shared his love for history, symbolism and ceremony, and many flag and train facts with his loved ones and friends. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oronoco Chapter #1110. During his retirement years, Rick remained involved in his community at the Hastings Veterans Home, serving on the Resident Council, volunteering with the STAARS program through Hastings Public schools, and never missing an opportunity to speak up about veterans’ issues to the many Minnesotan politicians and VA leaders who visited. He leaves behind a legacy of service and compassion that touched the lives of many. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Gregory. He is survived by his brother Ted (Ginny) Rein, children: Rich Rein Jr. (Michelle Dick), Greta (Adam) Nielson, and Bethany (David) Grimm; grandchildren: Emma, Liam, and Ian, other relatives and friends. A memorial service to celebrate Rick's life was held at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 10, 2024 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 404 West Franklin Street, Morristown, MN, with a visitation one hour prior to services and interment to follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date. Family and friends were welcome to attend the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Saint Jude’s, or a charity of choice in honor of Rick. Starkson Family Life Celebration Chapel, 3075 Vermillion Street, Hastings, MN handled the arrangements.

CHESTER JOSEPH “CJ” RICK II – Died Saturday, July 15, 2023 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 14, 1949 to
the late Donald and Catherine Rick and he called Tucson home for more than 50 years. Chester enlisted and proudly served 3 years as a United States Marine, and over 17 years with Tucson Police Department. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106. His end of watch came on July 15th. He was preceded in death by parents Donald and Catherine Rick. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Rick, mother Gaye Rick, sister Debra (William) Kuhn; son Chester Joseph Rick III, and daughters D’Ann (Mike) South, Nicole Foyt, and Irene Rick; six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. SEMPER FI friend. A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, July 27th at 10:00 AM at the FOP Lodge, 3445 North Dodge Boulevard, Tucson, AZ.

DENNIS PAUL ROBINSON - Died Monday, November 6, 2023 at home in Helena, Ohio at the age of 77, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fremont, Ohio on October 8, 1946 to the late Carl Robert and Frances M. (née Cook) Robinson. Dennis was a 1965 graduate of Elmwood High School. In 1966 he enlisted in the United States Army and bravely served during Vietnam until he received his honorable discharge in 1969. Following his service in the military, Dennis was a delivery man for Buckeye Pipeline Services and retired in 2008. Later in life he reconnected with and then married his high school sweetheart, Lillie Fay Aldrich on October 22, 1988, at the United Methodist Church in Green Springs, and she survives. Dennis was a member of the VFW, a lifetime member of the American Legion, AMVEYS where he was a past commander, the DAV, Howard County Vietnam Veterans, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lillie Robinson of Helena, OH; stepdaughters, Amy Jo (Kenny) Kessler of Helena, Dixie K. Prenzlin of Sycamore, OH; 3 grandchildren; great-granddaughters; numerous step-grandchildren; siblings, Gerald H. (Anna) Robinson of Green Springs, OH, Ronald L. Robinson of England, Dean P. (Beverly) Robinson of PA, Donald G. Robinson of Helena, OH. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Amber Rae Asmus, brother, James D. Robinson. Visitation took place on Friday, November 10, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Herman-Veh Funeral Home and Crematory, 319 West Madison Street, Gibsonburg, OH. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with military honors to follow. Pastor Michael Holcomb officiated. For those unable to attend, live-streaming of services was available by following the link provided on Dennis’s obituary page. The burial took place at a later date at the Metzgar Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Flag City Honor Flight by visiting: www.flagcityhonorflight.org or Village Caregiving of Toledo, 3178 North Republic Boulevard, Suite #11, Toledo, Ohio 43615. To express online condolences or watch Dennis’s Tribute video and funeral services please visit: www.hermanfh.com.
LONNIE "Ray" ROGERS - Died Monday, February 19, 2024 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. Ray was born on January 18, 1948 in Franklin to the late Harley Rogers and Hazel Louise (née Buchanan) Rogers. He was a lifelong resident of Macon, County. Ray worked in construction for many years then for Macon County at the Carpenter Building. Ray was a proud United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. Ray loved artwork by drawing and painting. He also loved to fish and spend time with family. He was also a member of Newman Chapel Baptist Church. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Lynne (née Conley) Rogers of Franklin, a son, Kenneth Rogers and his wife, Deborah of Cullowhee; two sisters, Jeanette Taylor of Otto, NC and Judy Estes (Garry) of Franklin; three brothers, Calvin Rogers of Franklin, Randall Rogers (Donna) of Lakemont, GA; and Jerry Rogers (Diane) of Franklin; several nieces and nephews; and many cousins. A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Newman Chapel Baptist Church with the Reverend Dennis Ledford officiating. The burial with military rites was in the Wright Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday evening at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home. Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. The Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory was honored to serve the Rogers family.

HERBERT OSBORNE SAMUEL (USA, SGT-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 74. He was a resident of Savannah. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 27, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671. Public Viewing was held from 5:00-8:00 PM on Friday March 29, 2024 at the Campbell and Sons Funeral Home, Inc. Chapel, 124 West Park Avenue, Savannah, GA. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Saint John the Mighty Fortress, 2415 East DeRenne Avenue, Savannah, GA. The interment was in the Union Springs Cemetery.

KENNETH WAYNE “Kenny” SCHURICK - Died Friday, April 26, 2024 at his residence in Rising Sun, Indiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Kenny was born in Milan, Indiana on January 23, 1955 to Emily C. (née Henry) Schurick and the late Paul F. Schurick. Kenny grew up in the Ohio County community and attended Rising Sun Schools. He was the husband of
Helen R. (née Brown) Schurick. Kenny and Helen married on September 14, 2012 in Patriot, IN. Kenny proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant in the Vietnam War. While in service Kenny received a Rifle Expert Badge, a National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Moores Hill Chapter #71. Kenny worked as an Iron Worker for many years. Kenny liked being outdoors, mowing grass and tending to his yard. He also enjoyed going to the Rising Sun American Legion where he was a member and spending time with friends. Kenny is survived by his wife, Helen Schurick, of Rising Sun, IN; by his mother, Emily Schurick, of Madison, IN; by his brothers, Danny and Jeff and by his sisters, Terri and Renee. Kenny is also survived by several nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends. Kenny was preceded in death by his father, Paul Schurick and by his brothers, Jack, Charles and Steve Schurick. Public graveside services with military honors were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Cedar Hedge Cemetery in Rising Sun, IN. Memorial donations may be made to the Rising Sun American Legion. The Markland Funeral Home of Rising Sun, IN served the family. marklandfuneralhome.com.

LAWERENCE PAUL “Larry” Senger - Died Monday, March 25, 2024 in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Garrison, North Dakota on September 18, 1946 to the late Philip and Amelia (née Kuntz) Senger, the 8th of 12 children. He attended Cathedral and Bismarck High School and after graduation served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and had several posts in the states. He ended his service a Vietnam combat veteran. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150. Larry married Astrid Akerberg on June 20, 1969. To this union, daughter, Leni Senger was born. He worked at various jobs after leaving the service eventually retiring as a Corrections Officer for the North Dakota State Penitentiary. After retirement Larry and Astrid moved to Indiana to watch the grandkids grow up. He loved being a grandpa to his “Buddies.” Astrid and Larry decided they missed North Dakota and moved back in 2023. Larry was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2013. He went through several different treatments and things seemed to be under control. But once again, cancer triumphed and spread to other areas of his body. Once that started, it happened fast. Larry enjoyed watching his favorite football team, the Kansas City Chiefs with his “fur baby” Ava. He is survived by his wife Astrid; daughter, Leni and fiancé, Doug Dunn; grandsons, Wyatt, Nicholas, and Xander, Camby, IN; sisters, Irene, Francie, and Marilyn.; brothers, David, Frank, and Jerry. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Charlotte, Vivian, and Margaret. Brothers, Leonard, Richard, and Maurice. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 3rd at the Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Visitation started one hour prior to the service. The burial took place at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at 1:00 PM.

JOHN FRANK SHERRED – Died Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in Mineral, Virginia at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Big Spring, Texas on April 29, 1944. He served in
the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (*Philadelphia*) Chapter #266.

**EARL RAY SHOEMAKER** - Died Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in Spring Hill, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kermit West Virginia on December 6, 1947. Earl is survived by his loving wife, Sharon. He served in the United States Navy from April 15, 1965 to December 11, 1968 and also served in the United States Coast Guard from February 10, 1947 to May 2, 1977. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

**STANLEY EDWARD “Stan” “Skeets” SHOREY** – Died Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in Fresno, California at the age of 74. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut on April 1, 1949 to the late Anne (née Carney) and Carl Shorey. He came to live in Fresno at the age of two and later attended Roosevelt High School, graduating in 1967. He was on active duty in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1972 and in the Navy Reserves at Lemoore from 1972 to 1979. He attended Fresno City College for two years. He worked as a Journeyman Sheet Metal worker for 27 years, retiring at age 52. Stan was dedicated to serving fellow veterans and honoring those who never made it home. He belonged to and was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933, American Legion Post #509, and Patriot Guard Riders. He rode his motorcycle eight times to Washington DC as part of the annual Run For the Wall event. Riding motorcycles was a lifetime passion, he loved dogs and enjoyed league bowling. Stan is survived by his wife of 42 years, Gayla Shorey, son Erik Shorey and grandchildren Mason Shorey and Sierra Shorey. A graveside service was held on April 25th at 11:00 AM at Clovis District Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the SPCA or the Lustgarten Foundation @ [*lustgarten.com*](http://lustgarten.com) (supporting pancreatic cancer research.)

**PRENTISS EDWARD SMITH, JR., MD** - Died peacefully Monday, October 23, 2023 at his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 89, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on September 14, 1934 to the late Prentiss Edward Smith, Sr., MD and his wife Katie (née Arnold) Smith. In addition to his parents,
he was preceded in death by his sister Katherine Aldridge McCarthy, MD, a daughter Ashley Anne, and niece Ann Aldridge as well as his first wife and mother of his children Vivienne (née Manger) Smith Brinkerhoff. Dr. Smith graduated from Hattiesburg High School, obtained his B.S. in Chemistry in 1956 and his M.D. in 1959 from Tulane University. Internship (1959-1960) and Residency on the Tulane Service were completed at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in 1966. He also completed a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Surgery at Texas Heart Institute from 1991-1992. He was board certified in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. Upon completion of his education, he accepted a teaching position at Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine. In 1967 at the age of 33, he received his draft notice and began his military service in the United States Army Medical Corps on August 6, 1967. He served as a Combat Surgeon at the 3rd Field Hospital, Republic of South Vietnam from 1968-1969. During his service there, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He returned to the States and joined the Baton Rouge Clinic for 2 years and then opened his own practice. He was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Capital Area Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Honors included Outstanding Young Investigator – American College of Cardiology 1967, Certificate of Achievement U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Carson, CO 1968, Certificate of Achievement Darnall Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, TX 2005. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana. Other business interests included nursing homes, a casino in Las Vegas, and farming in New Augusta, MS. He was an avid reader and card shark. Other hobbies included airplanes, hunting and fishing, snow skiing, and travel. Dr. Smith is survived by his wife of 45 years, Susan, and his three children Katie Matison (Dave) of Seattle, WA, Prentiss III (Kim) of Baton Rouge, and Leah Cannon (Ronnie) of Madison, MS. In addition, he was the proud grandfather of 6: Prentiss IV (Isabel), Brookhaven, MS, Christopher Smith (Dottie), Daphne, AL, Ansley Smith, MD, Louisville, KY, Elliot Smith (Lori), Tampa, FL, Luke Jones (Sarah), Houston, TX, and Nick Hanson (Stephanie), Houston, TX and 9 great-grandchildren: Prentiss V, Eliza, Amelie, Wyatt, Myles, Jackie, Mia, Truett, and Goldie. A special thank you to his caregivers: Barbara Thomas and her family: Wilbert, Mec, Darrel, and Matarius. Lastly, a thank you to Jay Quiet, Dianne Spears, and Natasha Williams. A visitation was held on Thursday, October 26th at the Rabenhorst Funeral Home, East 11000 Florida Boulevard from 9:00 AM until the service at 11:00 AM. There was a reception afterwards.

**THOMAS EUGENE “Tom” SMITH** - Died unexpectedly Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Pickerington, Ohio at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 31, 1947 in Bellaire, Ohio to the late Floyd and Bertha Smith. He is survived by his loving wife, Anita; children, Brandi (Chris) Pepper, Heather Vickers, Misti (Jeff) Carter; grandchildren, Kelcy, Tommi, Tyler, Kaley, Tucker; siblings, John Smith, Ron (Jenn) Smith, Gregory Smith, Darla (Chuck) Palen. Thomas was a 1965 graduate of Bellaire High School. He went on to serve in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Carroll Chapter #1045. Tom would retire after a career spanning over 30 years with American
Electric Power. He loved golfing and was a member at the Links Golf Course in Groveport, member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Catholic Church in Pickerington, and past exalted ruler of BPOE Elk’s Club. Friends and family visited at the Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home, 550 Hill Road North, Pickerington, OH on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 4:00-8:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on held Thursday, May 25, 2023 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Catholic Church 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington, OH at 10:30 AM. Online condolences can be found at spencefuneralhome.com.

**THOMAS A. “Tom” SPADA** - Died Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Springfield Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 77. He was a resident of Springfield. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 29, 1946 in Chicago Heights, Illinois to the late Hugo and Anne Laurie Spada. He married Suzann Cordes on March 28, 1992 and she survives. Also surviving Tom are his two daughters, Ellen (Red) Siler and Colleen (Rick) Laga, both of Rochester; three grandchildren, Mikayla Siler, Christopher Siler, and Adrianna Robben; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, James Spada. Tom grew up in Steger, IL and graduated from Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He went on to obtain his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign. Tom eventually moved back to the Chicago area and worked at many hospitals as a medical technologist. He then moved to the Springfield area and worked as an auditor for the IL Department of Revenue, retiring in 2009. He was an active *Life Member* of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534* serving as treasurer for over 20 years. He was also a member of VFW Post #10302, American Legion #32 and a member of Rochester United Methodist Church. Though he was very active in veterans’ organizations, his favorite time was with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also loved cheering on his favorite Chicago teams, the Bears and the White Sox. Visitation was held from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. The Funeral Service was at 12:30 PM on Tuesday May 21, 2024 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. The burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery with military honors being conducted. Memorial contributions may be made to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

**VICTOR MANUEL SUAREZ** – Died recently in 2024 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of *Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421.*
**LAWTON NOEL TALLEY** - Died Sunday, July 30, 2023 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mountain City in Rabun County, Georgia to the late Leonard and Dorothy Talley of Mountain City. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his two sisters, Mary "Cookie" Saylor and Sandra Watson; and three brothers, Robert "Butch" Talley, Marvin Talley, and Tommy Talley. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandra "Sandie" Talley of Franklin, NC.; two sons, Benjamin and wife Shelley Talley of Wytheville, VA., Heath and wife Amy Talley of Lincolnton, NC.; two grandchildren Kaitlyn "Katie" and husband Austin May and Caleb Talley; one sister, Barbara Carnes of Tiger, GA.; also, a special nephew Abraham Norton and wife Ashley with their two children Savannah and Andrew Norton of Brownsville, TX. As well as several nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. Noel served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During this time, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor resulting from his heroic actions during combat. After the war, he completed his education at Tri-County Tech in Pendleton, SC. Noel was a member of Prentiss Church of God in Franklin, NC. Noel will always be remembered for his love of God, the love of his wife Sandie, his love for his family, and his sense of humor. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994. Services were held at the Prentiss Church of God in Franklin, NC on August 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM with Don and Terry Moffitt co-officiating. Graveside service were held at the Hickory Knoll Cemetery immediately following. The family received friends from 1:00 to 2:00 PM one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VVA Chapter#994, 249 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Online condolences can be left at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

**MICHAEL ALAN “Mike” THOMPSON** – Died Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at home in Dawson, Minnesota at the age of 74 with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1949 in Montevideo, Minnesota to the late Elmer and Irene (née Miller) Thompson. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on August 7, 1949 and confirmed on June 7, 1964 at Grace Lutheran Church in Dawson. He attended school through 10th grade and began farming on his own at 15, later obtaining his GED. Mike was a combat Veteran and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War from 1969-1971. He was a squad leader, earning the rank of Sergeant during his time in the United States Army. In 1971, Mike married Marcia Bergeson and they welcomed sons, Jamie and Corey. On August 18, 1989, Mike was united in marriage to Kimberly (née Storlien) Martinson at East Highland Lutheran Church in Brandt, SD. He welcomed her sons, Nathan and Jordan, into his family and thought of them as his own. Mike was a farmer his entire life. He took pride in his hard work and the reward of good
Neighbors often joke that they don’t have to start thinking about getting in their field until they see Mike Thompson out in his. Driving around in his truck or Ranger while listening to oldies and checking on his crops was one of his favorite pastimes. Mike also was a seed salesman for 37 years. He loved working with other farmers and the friendships he made over the years. He was a devoted friend and always made sure his neighbors were taken care of. Mike was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054. He was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church and was committed to stewardship and service having volunteered as a board member. He also served on the board of Dawson Grain Co-op for several years. Mike was an avid golfer and especially enjoyed his time on the golf course with sons, Jamie and Corey, as well as his friends in Texas. He cherished his days on the farm with Nathan and his grandsons, teaching them all he knew. He always looked forward to his trips to Vegas and winters in Texas with Kim. They spent many hours riding around together on the Harley or in his Shelby. His greatest joy in life was watching his grandchildren grow. He loved spending time with them and all of his family, even making sure he had a lake cabin close enough for everyone to enjoy together. Days at Lake Cochrane with Kim and the boys growing up and later with the boys, their wives, and grandchildren on Eagle Lake were some of his best memories. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kim; his sons and their wives: Jamie and Heather Thompson of Spicer, MN, Corey and Kristy Thompson of Elko, MN, Nathan and Jesi Martinson of Dawson, MN; Grandchildren: Griffin, Preston, and Breck Thompson, Seth Thompson, Hunter, Matt, Paisley, and Bella Martinson, Brothers: Clarence, Steve (Judy), Jeff (Ardyce), and Jon; Brothers-in-law, John (Jill) Storlien and Mark (Kathy) Storlien, and Loren Kruschke; Mother-in-law, Marian Storlien, along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Orgean Storlien, son Jordan Martinson, sister Evelyn Kruschke, brother-in-law Raymond Gordon, and sisters-in-law, Jean Thompson and Cindy Gordon. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church in Dawson. Pastor Kendall Stelter officiated and the burial was in the Dawson Cemetery. Visitation was held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Hanson and Dahl Funeral Home in Dawson with a prayer service beginning at 5:30 PM. Visitation continued one hour prior to services at the church on Monday. The arrangements were made with the Hanson and Dahl Funeral Home in Dawson. www.andersontebest.com.
from December 9, 1965 to September 10, 1967 with an 11-month tour of duty in Vietnam with an artillery unit attaining the rank of Specialist 4. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421. The family received friends from 4:00-8:00 PM on Monday, March 25, 2024 at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Boulevard, (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Saint Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York. Cremation was private.

RANDALL S. “Randy” TURNBULL - Died peacefully Saturday November 11, 2023 at home in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 78, with his daughter by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Randy was born in Portland, Oregon on July 9, 1945 to the late Marjorie (née Bell) Turnbull and Delvin Turnbull. Growing up Randy enjoyed playing baseball, causing mischief around the neighborhood with his buddies, and creating memories with his cousins and stepmother’s close-knit family who all lived next door to one another. His family spent much time on the Oregon Coast at their beachside family cabin, which always held a special place in Randy’s heart. Randy graduated in 1963 from Benson Polytechnic High School. The camaraderie from these years held great significance for Randy as he maintained many of these valued friendships throughout his lifetime, and even enjoyed helping to organize Benson’s 50-year reunion for the class of ’63 back in 2013. Randy was drafted into the United States Army and served his country from 1966-1968 in Vietnam as an Artillery Surveyor. He also proudly ran the enlisted men’s club on base which, due to his social and witty nature, was a great use of his skills and became the source of many wartime stories later in life. Upon returning home, he earned his A.A. degree in Business Administration from Clark College in Vancouver in 1969 before moving up to Bellingham to attend Western. Randy graduated with his B.A. degree from Western Washington State College in 1972, Majoring in Business Administration-Economics and Minoring in Psychology. During these years, he enjoyed intramural sports, getting into just the right amount of trouble, and became an avid spectator of local rugby. Like his childhood years, the relationships he established as a young adult were based on a foundation of fond, often humorous memories and they remained lifelong treasures. In 1972 Randy started his garage door business, Stanley Door of Bellingham, which he independently owned and operated for over 50 years. He was charitable by nature and was first to volunteer his hand when needed. Whether the PTA, his daughter’s dance associations, or local veteran’s groups, he was involved or served on the board within numerous charitable organizations. He was a Life Member and supported his local Vietnam Veterans of America – Ron Davenport Memorial (Bellingham) Chapter #165, and was involved in organizing their annual car show held each July. He was looking forward to entering his own ’51 Chevy, his very first car, into the show after its restoration is completed. Randy was most proud of his daughter and loved spending time together. He was the most supportive dad and could hardly have a conversation with friends, family, or even customers without speaking of her. They shared a love of local sports, laughter, and the nature that surrounds us. Randy is survived by his daughter Melanie (Adam) Flink, brother-in-law Cliff
Hamblen, niece Marlaina Hamblen, nephew Jordan (Amy) Hamblen, and three great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Marge, his father and stepmother Del and Anne Turnbull, his sister Debora Hamblen, and beloved cousins John “Whitey” and Jim “Jay” Bolzell who were like brothers to him. A common thread woven throughout each era of Randy’s lifetime is how he clearly thrived on human connections and the resulting fun that often ensued. Randy will forever be in the hearts of many, and his connections, humor, and entertaining stories will not be forgotten. A Celebration of Life was held at the American Legion Post #7 in Bellingham, WA on July 7, 2024. All who knew Randy were welcome to attend. Donations can be made in Randy’s memory to VVA Chapter #165, PO Box 29885, Bellingham, WA 98228.

DORIS VELEZ-CHRZANOWSKI - Died peacefully Friday, April 19, 2024 in Hackensack, New Jersey at the age of 71, with John, her husband of 28 years by her side. She had suffered through 14 months of dealing with stage 4 ovarian cancer. She was on January 31, 1953. Doris began her working career in corporate offices for companies in both NY and NJ. She retired as the Accounting Office Manager of the Circle Line/World Yacht Group in Manhattan, NYC after a successful, lengthy tenure. She is survived by her husband John, Stepdaughters Gina and Diane and their children Andrew, John, Jason, Alyssa, Dylan as well as a twin brother John and 2 sisters, Terry and Georgina and 2 brothers, Frank and Roy. She had many nieces and nephews and cherished them all. Doris loved attending family events on both sides of her family and made it a mission to always accept the many invitations received. She even encouraged her husband to be at the hospital with her for the birth of his first grandson and others. All enjoyed her upbeat contributions to invited affairs. She often made picture art work layouts that were personalized to the event. She will be remembered as a loving, caring Aunt, Godmother and sometimes Mentor by her grandchildren and Nephews, nieces, many of whom visited or contacted her during her ordeal. She was pleasantly surprised when many expressed thanks to her for her help or encouragement over the decades! Doris was actively involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, being a life Member of their Auxiliary. She often accompanied her husband John to services and conventions. She was a *Life Member* of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800. As parishioner, she also assisted Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church with weekly back-office help. In lieu of flowers, she asked that donations in her name be made to the Catholic Relief Services .org.

WILLIAM ANTONIO “Tony” WEATHERHOLT - Died Friday, April 12, 2024 surrounded by family at his son’s home in Michigan at the age of 76 while under the care of Elara Hospice.
The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1947 in Garden City, Michigan to the late Emerson and Alba (née Belli) Weatherholt. He was a 1966 Airport High School Graduate. He served with the United States Navy in the Vietnam War from 1965-1969. He married Mary Lou Beasley on April 26, 1985, at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Monroe, MI. Mary died November 28, 2021. Tony was a Plumber/pipefitter for The Ford Motor Company for 36 years, retiring in 2006. Tony was a life member of the Monroe VFW Post #1138, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142, Father Bauer's Knights of Columbus, Ida/Dundee, a volunteer fireman for Ida for years and scout master for both Monroe and Ida scouts. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting, golfing, fishing, gardening (his special tomatoes) and spending time with his grandkids. Survivors include: his children, Joel (Alexis) Weatherholt, Julie (Kevin) Kerfoot, Jeff Bohmer; siblings, Emerson (Diane) Weatherholt, Robert (Brenda) Weatherholt, Joanne Handley and grandchildren, Cameron, Madison, Dylan, Rilee, Owen, Addison, Madeline, Jackson and Isabelle and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sister, Susie Weatherholt, and brother-in-law, Larry Handley. Friends visited the family at the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, MI on Friday April 12, 2024 from 2:00-8:00 PM with a Rosary Prayed at 7:00 PM. He laid-in-state on Saturday April 13, 2024 from 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM at Saint Gabriel Catholic Parish, Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Ida, MI. Deacon Mike Hammond officiated. The burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Dundee, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to: Saint Gabriel Catholic Parish or the Veteran's Affairs Ann Arbor Health System for their Women's Health Programs.

HAROLD WAYNE WEIST - Died Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 88. The cause of death was heart failure. Harold was born in Findlay, Ohio on March 25, 1936 to the late Paul and Helen Weist. He retired from the United States Marine Corps after 30 years of service. After his retirement, he proudly served as a district commander for the VFW and as President and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004. He was also a self-published author, writing and publishing 4 books. Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Weist, grandson, Corey Tonge, and brother, Paul Weist, Jr. He is survived by son, Dustin Weist, daughter, Leilani (Roshan Beekhoo) Weist, stepdaughter Denise Payne; grandsons: Richard Kanagie, Raymond Weist, Daniel Tonge, Michael Tonge, and Jeremy Tonge; great-grandchildren, Madison Kanagie and Corey Kanagie; brother, Gene Weist; nephews, Roger Weist and Dave Weist; and niece, Cindy Weist Blough. A visitation was conducted from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Bond Memorial Chapel with Military Honors taking place at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. The Bond Memorial Chapel, 1098 Weston Drive, Mount Juliet, TN was in charge of the funeral arrangements. www.bondmemorial.com.
EDWARD GENE “Ed” WELCH - Died Monday, April 8, 2024 at the Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 75. He was a resident of Kingwood, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 9, 1949 in Morgantown to the late Rosealee (née Awman) Welch and Glenn Welch. Ed was a 1968 graduate of Kingwood High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Ed was a proud Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maidsville Chapter #306 and was also a lifetime member of the VFW Post #826 and the NRA. He retired from the Albright Power Station in 2010 after nearly 40 years of service. He loved the outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing, camping, riding his Harley, or working on the family farm. Ed also enjoyed working on and restoring old farm tractors, going to the state fair, and most of all spending time with his family. He considered himself blessed with an additional 12 years of time with his family after a liver transplant, thanks to the generous donor, Edward Cosner. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Carolyn (née Cannon) Welch; one son, Travis Welch and wife Kelly of Albright; two sisters, Patricia Rodeheaver and husband James of Bruceton Mills and Phyllis Stanton and husband Rod of Albright; two grandchildren, Aubrey and Cooper Welch; mother-in-law, Bernice G. Cannon of the Lenox community and several nieces and nephews. Friends visited at the Field Funeral Home in Masontown, WV on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 2:00 – 8:00 PM. A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rick Sharpless officiating. The Interment was follow at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Pruntytown with full military honors by the Preston County Honor Guard and the West Virginia Army National Guard. Condolences may be extended to the family online at www.fieldfuneralhome.com.

LONNY D. WESSEL - Died Friday, May 3, 2024, at Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell, South Dakota at the age of 73. He was a resident of Woonsocket, South Dakota. He was born on July 30, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054. The burial was at the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Sioux Falls. The Bittner Funeral Chapel in Mitchell, South Dakota was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT JOHN “Bob” WHITE – Died Monday, January 29, 2024 in Rochester, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death was Alzheimer’s disease. He was born on February 10, 1945 in Yonkers, New York to the Robert Albert and Elizabeth (née Faynor) White. Surrounded by family, he went to see our Lord in Heaven peacefully on January 29, 2024 from the effects of Alzheimer’s. Predeceased by his parents, Robert Albert, and Elizabeth (Faynor) White, brother Richard White. Survived by his wife, Linda (née Gerone) White, son Rick
(Caroline) White, their two sons, Ben, and Lucas, sister, Betty Ferraro in California, sister-in-law Muriel White in Yonkers, close cousins Jane and Wally Broege with their children, Mandy, Douglas, and Donald in Long Island and hundreds of caring friends. Bob went to an all-boys school, Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers. From there he attended an all-boys college, Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia. He signed up for the United States Air Force and mentioned often it was a great move. He was assigned to Germany as a weather equipment repairman and said it was the best vacation ever! He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20. He met his first wife, Irene there and had their son, Rick, and eventually the three of them moved back to the states. He earned his degree in Industrial Technology on the GI Bill at Buffalo State College. Bob enjoyed a 30-year career working for Eastman Kodak Company in the Service Marketing area. Years later he met Linda through a blind date. The rest of their love story is sweet history. They had 25 amazing years together, loving each other, along with their Westies (Kirby and Kaylar) and their cats (Caz and Harley). Bob unconditionally loved all family and friends, and everyone loved Bob (how can you not love a guy who shows up in a Santa suit, in July [in shorts] as a birthday surprise?). His 40-year love for sailing resulted in numerous trips with his sailboat, Stargazer and created many great friends at the Sodus Bay Yacht Club. Bob joined the Yacht Club in 1990 and was a member for 32 years; he served on the Board of Directors for 7 of those years and then his dream job in 2005 and 2006 – Commodore!! In his retirement years, Bob loved his “fun” job – being a Captain on the Sam Patch tour boat on the Erie Canal. He also loved golf (learned from Linda’s dad and he taught him to enjoy an IPA beer!), Rochester, the Arts, dancing, Key West, Jimmy Buffet, watching the Buffalo Bills and finding “Unusual Roadside Attractions” wherever he and Linda often travelled. Benches on Parade, Golf Balls on Parade, local waterfalls – were all part of his activities. Bob will be missed, and anyone who enjoyed time with this gentle soul realizes they are better off for knowing him. Bob is now “sailing the bluest of waters with the most perfect of winds.” Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Newcomer Cremations and Funerals, 6 Empire Boulevard. The Funeral Service was held on the following day at 10:00 AM at White Haven Memorial Park. Donations in his memory can be made to The Sodus Bay Yacht Club, Lollypop Farm, or the Veterans Administration.

**ALLEN RAYMOND WHITLOCK III** – Died Thursday, February 16, 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1949 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266. He is interred at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, 189 Route #50, South Mays Landing, New Jersey.

**JERRY CLYDE “JC” WHITNEY** - Died Saturday, March 16, 2024 at his home in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 86, with his wife, Lora and friends at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 4, 1937 in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania to the late Jake A.
and Gertrude (née Spencer) Whitney. Jerry graduated from Wellsboro High School in 1956 and left Wellsboro in 1957 to join The United States Army. Jerry is survived by his wife, Lora, whom he married on July 30, 1966, in Alexandria, VA; one brother, Donald Whitney (Lucille) of Wellsboro, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, two nephews, and his four dogs, Schatzy, Rusty, Brandy, and Muffin. His tour of duty with the US Army took him to Massachusetts, Arlington Hall, Virginia, Okinawa, Bangkok, Thailand, Germany, Vietnam (two tours), Montana, Panama Canal Zone, and El Paso, Texas, where he retired in April of 1980 with over 25 years dedicated to serving his country. His awards and medals consisted of the Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), NDSM, Vietnam Service Medal w/7 campaign stars, RVN Campaign Medal w/60 device, Meritorious Unit Citation (1st OLC), Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/ Palm, Meritorious Service Medal (1st OLC), and the Bronze Star Medal. Following his military career, JC worked for Acme Boot and Civil Service, Fort Campbell and retired in 1992. He was a very active volunteer in the community. He taught AARP Defensive Driving, served on the board of the local chapter of AARP, drove and picked up food for Loaves and Fishes, has done taxes for AARP Tax Aide Program, was the driver for First Christian Church every Tuesday and Thursday picking up food from Food Lion for the churches food room giveaway program until he passed away. He was a member of AARP, NARFE (National Active Retired Federal Employees), MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cunningham Chapter #1151. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Lora throughout the US and overseas to include Barrow, Alaska, and Antarctica. NASCAR was his favorite activity; in 1955 he drove a NASCAR stock-car around the Atlanta Speedway and in 2006 he drove at Pocono Speedway. JC’s service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Christian Church, with Pastor Craig Honbarger and Rick Koyama co-officiating followed by a luncheon. The family received friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the hour of service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church Food Pantry, 516 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Online condolences may be made at www.NaveFuneralHomes.com.

**CHARLES EDWARD WHITTINGTON** – Died Monday, November 27, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on May 21, 1947. He was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from June 1, 1964 to May 31, 1968. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266. The burial with full military honors was conducted at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

**ARNOLD WILKINS** – Died recently in 2024 in Duncan, Arizona at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 9, 1945. He is survived by his son. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona.
RALPH JAMES WINTER - Died Saturday, March 16, 2024 in West Bloomfield, Michigan at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Donald and Myrtle Winter and then spent his formative years in Orange Township, OH. He went on to attend Purdue University, playing trombone in the marching band and serving in the Theta Xi fraternity. He earned his BS in Industrial Management in 1967. In 1968 he married the love of his life, Ginger Winter (Dodge). He was then drafted into the United States Army and served a tour in Vietnam from 1970-1971. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310. In 1974 he earned his MBA from Eastern Michigan University. Ralph was hired into General Motors Co. where he worked in the Hydromatic division from 1968-2008. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work, dedication, and passion for helping others. Ralph and Ginger started their life together living in Ann Arbor, MI, then moved to their dream home in 1977 in Saline, MI where they lived for 41 years. Ralph enjoyed caring for his half acre garden, taking care of all of the ducks on the pond, and creating a fun outdoor environment for his kids. Ralph was a devoted husband and father. He supported his wife, Ginger, in her Mary Kay career and was always supportive of his daughters, Melissa and Trisha, in everything they did. He was also active in their church, First Presbyterian church of Ann Arbor where he served as a deacon. In his later years, he took extreme pride in his six granddaughters and was an active part of their lives. In his free time, Ralph enjoyed collecting hobo nickels and served as the Editor of the Original Hobo Nickel Society publication BoTales for over 15 years. He received multiple awards from the American Numismatic Association for outstanding specialty numismatic publication. He also received the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to the numismatic hobby. Ralph was always eager to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for hobo nickels with others. Most importantly, Ralph served in the prayer cordon, as a deacon, and was part of a men’s bible group at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. He will be remembered for selfless service and his strong faith. One of his dying wishes was for future generations to help their communities and serve others. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Myrtle Winter, and his sister and her husband, Nancy and William Bigelow. Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Ginger, his children, Melissa (Frederick) Coen, Trisha (Jay) Winter, and his grandchildren, Kristine Tsiknaki, Kayla Coen, Allison Coen, Samantha Coen, Sydney Winter, and Charlie Winter, as well as many extended family and friends. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him. A celebration of Ralph’s life was held for all to attend at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at https://give.bcrf.org.
**JAMES ROBERT WIXSON** - Died Monday, May 1, 2023 at his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. James was born on December 13, 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah to the late Joseph A. Wixson and Orpha Lou (née Bywater) Wixson. He grew up in Salt Lake City and Roy, Utah. James attended Roy High School and graduated in 1965. He then attended the University of Utah. While attending college he met and married Carol Garcia. They were later divorced. While attending the University of Utah he joined the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ucon Chapter #972*. He also attended the University of Phoenix. On December 1, 1980, James married Kay Sampson in Salt Lake City, Utah. James attended the Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Rigby, Idaho. He enjoyed spending time golfing and playing the cornet. James is survived by his wife Kay Wixson; son, Nicolas Wixson of Idaho Falls, Idaho; daughters: Andrea Wixson (Gavin Groesbeck) of the Salt Lake Valley, Utah, Heather (Jesse) Duncan of Ammon, Idaho, Heidi (Mike) Bowden of Ammon, Idaho, and Teresa Wixson, of Murray, Utah; stepsons: Ryan Kitchen of Star Valley, Wyoming, and Scott Kitchen of Idaho Falls, Idaho; stepdaughter, Lisa Bias of Idaho Falls, Idaho; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Joseph and Orpha Wixson; stepchildren: David Kitchen, Angela Kitchen, and Jennifer Kitchen. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Crown of Life Lutheran Church, 3856 East 300 North, Rigby, Idaho. The family received friends one hour prior to the services at the church. The interment was in the Sugar City Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.coltrinmortuary.com.

**JIMMY RAY YARBROUGH** – Died Thursday, May 5, 2022 in Novi, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 13, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps from August 1961 to August 1966 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1965 to August 1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #521*.

**JOSEPH DOMINIC “Joe” ZAFFUTO** - Died Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at his home in Port Orange, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Joe was born on October 19, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Angelo and Angela Zaffuto. At 18, Joe was drafted by the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. Upon his return, Joe joined the New York Police Department (NYPD) and served 15 years of honorable service. During his tenure at the NYPD, Joe enrolled at the New York Institute of Technology where he graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He married his bride, Annmarie Pascucci, at the Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Springfield Gardens, New York, and they built a home in Holtsville, New York, where they raised two sons. Joe’s experience in the Army and NYPD laid the foundation for a lifetime of public service. He served in the military (20 years of total service in
the Army and National Guard), as a school bus driver (over 20 years), and worked as a baseball and softball umpire. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048. He is survived by his wife, Annmarie (married for 52 years); two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph, and Michael and Shauna; two sisters, Carol (David) and Angela; grandchildren, Kade, and Kole. A Celebration of Life for Joseph w held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, 548 North Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL. Following the funeral services was a commitittal service with military honors from 3:45 to 4:00 PM at Volusia Memorial Park, 550 North Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the NYC PBA Widows and Children's Fund, c/o Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, 125 Broad Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM! MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! AMEN! MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE!