



**Susan Martha (née Neshaim) Allbee** - Died Saturday, February 5, 2011 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview. She was a resident of Waverly, Iowa formerly of Mankato, Minnesota. She was 63 years of age and a resident of Waverly, Iowa. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. She was born on October 11, 1947, in Mankato, Minnesota to the late Glen Nesheim and Sylvia Nesheim, who survives in Mankato. Susan achieved her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Northern Iowa and continued as an instructor of sociology and women's studies where she enjoyed challenging her students to think globally and explore other views and appreciate their differences. Susan's enduring positive attitude allowed her to survive her battle with pulmonary fibrosis for 12 years. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Iowa**. Susan is survived by husband Dwight; daughter, Katia of Waverly; son, Eamon (Dawn) of Tinley Park, Ill.; mother, Sylvia Nesheim of Mankato Minn.; brother Steven Nesheim (Debra Elmore-Nesheim) of Bayfield, Wis.; sister Toni Nesheim (Denny Salomonson) of Grayslake, Ill.; brother John (Marie) Nesheim of Woodbury, Minn.; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her are her father, Glen; brother, David; and niece, Rachel Salomonson. A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Messiah Lutheran Church located at 1706 Lee Boulevard in North Mankato with Reverend Jim Ahlquist officiating. Visitation was on Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the North Mankato Mortuary-Northview in Mankato and continued one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.



**THOMAS L. ASHLEY** - Died at 5:10 PM on Sunday, July 2, 2017 in Canton Illinois at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1951 in Canton to the late Charles and Donna (née Van Liew) Ashley. He married the love of his life, LuAnne Miles, on May 30, 1992 at Wiley Lutheran Church in Ellisville. She Survives. He is also survived by two sons, Cory (Carrie) Ashley and Zachary (Kim) Ashley; four sisters, Lynn (Michael) Kozubal of Tucson, AZ, Deborah (John) Bates of Canton, Patrice (David) Edgar of Troy, IL, and Beth Ashley of Tucson, AZ; one brother, Donald (Marty) Ashley of Tucson, AZ; four grandchildren, Bryant Ashley, Tucker Ashley, Will Ashley, and Ava Ashley; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Milissa Ashley, Cheryl Hilton, and Pam Neely, and one brother, Mitchell Ashley. Thomas retired from the Canton School District. He had a passion for motorcycles and enjoyed his beloved dog Jasmine. Thomas served as a helicopter gunner in the Vietnam War with the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. Graveside services were at the Shields Chapel Cemetery in rural Canton on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 1:00 PM with military honors. The Reverend David Meader officiated. Cremation rites were accorded though the Sedgwick Funeral Homes and Crematory. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



**STEPHEN J. "Steve" AUKER** – Died Tuesday December 5, 2017 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Altoona to the late Emery B. "Gus" and B. Louise (née Gross) Auker. He was first married to Barbara Mallam who preceded him in death on October 7, 2012, and on February 14, 2015, he married Cathy A. Reish. Surviving are his wife, Cathy; two daughters, Julie (Michael) Blas, of Apex, NC and Carolyn (Matthew) Kilgore, of Red Lion; a stepdaughter, Heather McCulley; a stepson, Travis (Kristen) Stevenson; three granddaughters, Alexis Blas, Colleen and Mackenzie Kilgore; three step-granddaughters, Alicia and Courtney McCulley and Hanna Stevenson, and; a step-grandson, Logan Stevenson. He was a 1969 graduate of Altoona Area High School and served in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam-era. He also served in the United States Navy Reserves. He worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital and was formerly employed by: Penn Central, Conrail, and Norfolk Southern Railroads and was an outstanding greeter and assistant at The Good Funeral Home, Inc. Steve was a lifelong member of Wehnwood United Methodist Church. He was a member of various clubs and organizations including: Juniata Gap Volunteer Fire Department, where he once served as assistant Chief, Newburg Vol. Fire Department, Naval Enlisted Reserve Association, a life member of the James L. Noble Post #3, Coast Guard Sea Veterans of America, Coast Guard Auxiliary, National Guard Veteran Association, Blair County War Counsel, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**, Murray-Appleman Post #147, Navy League of the United States, Blair County Veterans Honor Guard, Unter Uns, Bavarian Aide Society, Heidelberg Country Club, Horseshoe Cloggers, Lakemont Lions Club, Logan Lodge No. 490 and he was a past commander of the Jaffa Legion of Honor. Steve was a past member of the American Reserve Nurses Corps and Citizens Emergency Response Team. He also volunteered at the Van Zandt VA Medical Center and was a Red Cross blood donor receiving a 16-gallon pin for his donations. Friends were received from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 11, 2017 at the Good Funeral Home, Inc., Alto-Reste Park, where a Masonic service was held at 7:00 PM. Friends were received from 10:00 until the 11:00 AM funeral service on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Wehnwood United Methodist Church, Altoona with Pastor Evelyn Madison officiating. The committal service, along with Military Honors, provided by The Blair County Veterans Honor Guard was at the Alto-Reste Park Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to, Wehnwood United Methodist Church, Lakemont Lions Club or to the Jaffa Shrine Legion of Honor.



**JOHN LYLE BABER** - Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 in Flower Hospital, Sylvania, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of Petersburg, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 8, 1949 in Toledo, Ohio to the late John C. and Shirley (née Ankney) Baber. He graduated from Summerfield High School in 1969. He married Ladona Johnson in August 1969 in Monroe. He worked for GM, Willow Run Assembly for 22 years when the plant closed, he then transferred to Toledo Powertrain where he worked until he retired on June 1, 2001. He then drove a semi-truck for 8 years, which he loved doing. John was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam from April 1970-June 1971. He was a *Charter Member* and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**, where he served as past: president, vice president, secretary, board of director and newsletter editor. He was also a member of Deerfield American legion, where he served as the adjutant for many years, a member of VFW Post #1138, and the Dundee DAV, where he also served as adjutant. He loved riding his Harley, traveling, spending time with his family, he loved watching his grandchildren and being with them and especially loved spoiling his dog, Rocky. Friends visited at the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, MI, on Monday, January 29, 2018, from 4:00-8:00 PM. There was a service on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, MI. Chaplain Michael Pennington officiated. Burial was in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Petersburg, MI.

**LESTER RALPH BANTA, JR.** - Died Thursday, December 21, 2017 in Whitman, Massachusetts at the age of 75. He was formerly of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 3, 1942. He is survived by his wife. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003**. McKinnon Funeral Home in Whitman, Massachusetts oversaw the arrangements.

**RICHARD C. “Dick” BARBER** - Died Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at The Laurels of Defiance, Ohio at the age of 71, after a two-month illness. He was a resident of Sherwood, Ohio. The cause of death was CNS primary lymphoma of the frontal lobe of the brain. He was born on May 9, 1944 in Lyons, Ohio to the late Charles and Mary (née Mach) Barber. Dick was a 1962 graduate of Swanton High School, attended General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan and graduated from Defiance College in 1973. On April 21, 1967, Dick was united in marriage to Ruth A. Gaston. Dick proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He retired as a supervisor in 1996 from General Motors in Defiance, Ohio after 33 years, after which he worked at Sears and Holiday Lanes, Defiance. Dick was a member of the Mark Center United Methodist Church, Mark Center, Ohio, AMVETS Post #1991, Moose Lodge #2094 all in Defiance, Ohio, and the Bryan Eagles #2233. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. Dick is survived by his wife Ruth; son, David (Jill) Barber of Vandalia, Ohio;

daughter Cheryl (Brett) Spires of Wauseon, Ohio; the grandchildren he dearly loved, Jonathan Barber, Nicholas Barber, Josie Spires, three step-grandchildren and a brother, Ralph Barber of Wauseon, Ohio. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ethan Spires. Services for Dick were on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Smith and Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Pastors Jim Spears and Chuck Schmunk co-officiating. Visitation hours were on Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Burial was in the Sherwood Cemetery with the Sherwood VFW according Military Rites. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio.



**RONNIE J. BATTLE** - Died Friday, January 5, 2018 at the Universal Vidant Hospice Center in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 68. He was a resident of Kinston, North Carolina. The cause of death was metastatic pancreatic cancer. He was born in Kinston on November 22, 1949. He served in the United States Army with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. Surviving family includes his wife, Birta (née Anderson) Battle; one son, Ronnie Joel Battle (Veronica); one daughter, Torise Battle Young (Cecil); one grandson, Braxton Rashaad Young; three brothers, Raymond (Arenda), Gary (Eva), and Kevin (Phyllis); four sisters, Patricia, Jacqueline (Melvin), Paula, and Sharon (Michael), Brothers-in-law Frederic Colvin (Gloria), Roy Anderson, Franklin Anderson, Joseph Anderson; sisters-in-law Brenda Battle, Barbara Lee, Tammy Anderson, Evone McDuffie; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. A public viewing was held on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mills Funeral Home, 1300 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Kinston, NC 28501. A public viewing and floating reminiscing service was held on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the White Rock Presbyterian Church, 514 Thompson Street, Kinston, NC 28501. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at the United American Free Will Baptist Tabernacle, 1011 Dr. JE Reddick Circle, Kinston, NC 28501. In lieu of flowers, the family encouraged donations to one of the following organizations: White Rock Presbyterian Church, American Legion Baseball Post #43, Kinston High School Athletic Booster Club, or the American Cancer Society. All donations may be mailed to 2805 Oakland Drive, Kinston, NC 28504 and will be forwarded to the appropriate organization.

**JAMES EDWARD “Jim” BEGAY, SR.** – Died Friday, February 20, 2015 at the Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 68. He was a resident of Bayard, New Mexico. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fort Defiance, New Mexico on February 21, 1946. He was a brown belt in Karate. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayard Chapter #358**. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nellie Begay; one son, James E. Begay, Jr.; two daughters, Jennie Sam and Margaret Begay; four granddaughters, Gabby, Emmy, Jade and Sage Begay; two grandsons, PJ and Tyrese Sam, and; one brother, Thomas Begay. He was predeceased by his

parents. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 9:30 AM in Saint Francis Newman Center with Reverend Father Raymond Flores as the main celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in the Fort Bayard National Cemetery. The pallbearers were Clay Cooper, Justin and Jacob Francisco, Anthony Flores, PJ Sam and Sage Begay.



**LOUIS S. "Luke" BELL, JR.** - Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at his home in Boca Raton, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was ALS – Lou Gehrig’s disease. He was born on September 21, 1945. Luke is survived by Gloria, his wife of 37 years; his daughter, Dempsey Lee Bell Burt and her two sons, Doug and Patrick; his son, Luke Bell III, his wife, Vittoria and their children, Kenady and Luke IV, and; his son, Josh Bell, his wife, Brooke and their two daughters, Sydney and Teagan. Luke Bell was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, known for his dedication to his family and his willingness to persevere. Luke taught by example and nowhere was this more evident than the way he prioritized his children’s needs above his own. He was also an avid photographer who loved wildlife and the outdoors. Known by many for his beautiful pictures. Luke's bravery as he fought ALS and his deep love for his family is the legacy he leaves with us. He served in the United States Navy from May 14, 1964 to May 14, 1966 with service in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson (Tennessee) Chapter #995**. A Funeral Service was held at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Glick Family Funeral Home in Boca Raton. A committal service was held at 11:15 AM on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida.

**PETER R. M. "Pete" BELL II** - Died peacefully in his home in Irasburg, Vermont on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at the age of 73. He was also a resident of East Albany, Vermont. He was born on February 17, 1944 in Syracuse, New York to the late Peter R. M. Bell I and June (née Rathburn) Bell and spent most of his life in Syracuse and the Central New York area, before retiring to Vermont with his wife Barbara in May of 2001. Pete had a 25-year career in the Onondaga County Department of Corrections in Jamesville, New York. He also served over 39 years in several branches of the U.S Military which included 18 months in Vietnam (1963-1964), eventually retiring from the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Pete was a very loving devoted husband and father who adored his adopted shelter dogs. He also enjoyed reading, R.V Camping, playing Yahtzee, and the company of his many friends both here in the North East Kingdom and back in Syracuse. For the last 10 years Pete dedicated himself to the military Honors Team of the American Legion Post #23 Orleans, VT. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont**. Pete is survived by his wife Barbara (née Warren) Bell; her brothers, sisters, and their families; his daughter, Leanne (Bell) Trembley her husband Louis, of Clarksville, TN; two grandsons, David Trembley, also of Clarksville and SSG Kristopher Trembley U.S. Army, and; several great-grandchildren. At Pete’s request there were no calling hours or funeral service. There was a rendering of Full Military Honors on the Irasburg Common at 4:00 PM on August 3, 2017. All were welcome to attend. In lieu of cards and flowers please send donation to either the American legion Post #23 P.O Box 72 Orleans, VT 05860 or to Pope

Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc 4473 Barton – Orleans Road, Orleans, VT 05860. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, locally family owned and operated.



**KENNETH E. "Ken" BERGER** - Died Friday, January 12, 2018 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was ischemic heart disease. He was born in Buffalo on October 8, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Sherrie (née Boutet) Berger; devoted father of Lisa (Dwayne) Powers; cherished grandfather of Jessica, Richard, Rachel and Katelynn; dear brother of Robert (late Rae, late Shirley) Berger, Phyllis (Brownie) Michalczak and Martin (Joanne) Berger; also survived by relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from August 1965 to August 1967. He was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Relatives and friends visited the Lombardo Funeral Home (Northtown's Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Boulevard, near Eggert/Sheridan Drive, on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday morning at 11:00 AM at Saint Benedict Church, 1317 Eggert Road, Buffalo. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.



**DENNIS J. BIENIAS** - Died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on August 23, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Rosemarie (née DiChristofaro) Bienias; devoted father of Kari (Ronnie Rosseland) Bienias and Kristina Bienias; loving grandfather of Hank J.D. Rosseland; dear brother of the late Frank (late Marcia) Bienias; cherished uncle of Sandra (Dennis) Schrader and the late Kasey Haynes; great-uncle of Whitney Schrader. He served in the United States Army and the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family received friends on Sunday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the (Tonawanda Chapel) in the Amigone Funeral Home, Inc., 2600 Sheridan Drive (at Parker Boulevard). Family and friends were also invited on Monday to attend a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at Saint Christopher Church, 2660 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda, NY at 9:30 AM. Interment was held privately in Arlington National Cemetery.



**EVERETT CARTER BILLIU** - Died Sunday, October 18, 2015 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 20, 1943. He was the beloved husband of Anne-Marie; loving father of Kristen Anne (Jim) and Alexandra Catherine (Kevin) and adoring grandfather of Abigail Gertrude Billiu. He also is survived by his half-sister,

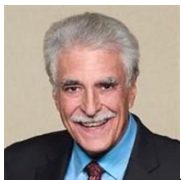
Barbara Marsh (Harold) and many loving nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces. Mr. Billiu graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1967 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. A Vietnam War veteran, he was a retired All State Insurance agent. He also had a lifelong love of flying and became a multi-engine commercial pilot with various flight instructor certificates. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, camping and hiking and enjoyed spending time with his dog, Tally. Mr. Billiu recently celebrated 50 years with the Boy Scouts of America and was honored with the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Wood Badge Scout Master awards. He was a member of Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation hours were held from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Charles. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation began at 10:00 AM at the church. Donations may be made to Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; Boy Scouts of America at [scouting.org](http://scouting.org); or Save our Setters at [saveoursetters.org](http://saveoursetters.org). Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

**LONNIE G. BLACKWELL** – Died in July 2016 in Franklin, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 10, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis (Indiana) Chapter #295**.

**ROSS WAYNE BLACKWELL** - Died Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Canton, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 21, 1947. Mr. Blackwell was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brandon Chapter #1057**. He is survived by his wife Edna Blackwell. He was laid to rest with full military honors in the Mississippi Veterans Cemetery in Newton, Mississippi. Memorials in his name may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Brandon Chapter #1057.

**BRUCE LEE BOHN** - Died Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Saint Thomas West at the age of 64. He was a resident of McEwen, Tennessee. He was born on June 24, 1949 to the late Louis R. Bohn and Doris L. (née McDermott) Bohn Schade. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waverly Chapter #1053**. Mr. Bohn was a Vietnam and Desert Storm United States Marine Corps Veteran, a loving husband and father. He was a Lay Minister at the United Methodist Church in McEwen and member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. He is survived by his wife, Linda Bohn, of McEwen; two sons, Victor A. Bohn (Caressa), of VA and Bryan Lee Bohn (Angela), of VA; two daughters, Sabrina Bowling, of Jamestown and Kimberlee Brown (Matt), of CA; two stepdaughters, Amanda Williams (Phillip), of Waverly and Tammy Haney, of Mount Pleasant; her sister, Leesa Gagel (Richard), of KY; her grandchildren, Haley Madison Williams, Stephanie Bowling, Faith Bowling, Benjamin Boland, Bryan Bohn, Jr., Ryland Bohn, Hunter Bohn, and; her great-grandchildren, Rylee Bohn, Scottie Bohn, Matthew Bohn, Austin Brown. Mr. Bohn's wishes were to be cremated. Arrangements were made by the Humphreys County Funeral Home.

**DALE C. BOHRING, JR.** - Died Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Toledo Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Fostoria, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 18, 1947 in Knox County, Pennsylvania to the late Dale and Geraldine (née Amsler) Bohring, Sr. He married Beverly Ann Price-Lake on August 3, 1984 in Fostoria, Ohio, and she survives. Also surviving are daughters, Michelle (Rich) Dermer of Findlay, Lisa (Jim) McIntyre of Sandusky and Carrie Custer of Fostoria; sons, Matthew (Michelle) Bohring of New Bern, NC, and Jeff (Amy) Gerritsen of Marion; step brother, John (Marlene) Prenzlin of Fostoria; half-sister, Sandi (Cory) Hertel of Findlay; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and little companion, Chewy. He was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Ginnie (Lowery) Bohring; daughter, Kristie Lake-Brown; sister, Gay Finefrock; and step sister, Sue David. Dale retired in 1999 as a Machine Operator at Atlas Crankshaft in Fostoria with more than 30 years of service. He and his wife Bev also owned and operated the Café Restaurant in Fostoria for more than 15 years. A 1965 graduate of Elmwood High School, he was a United States Marine Corps Veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a charter member of the Fostoria Church of God in Fostoria and a member of the Fostoria American Legion, Fostoria Lodge #288 F&AM and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440**. The funeral service took place on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Fostoria Church of God in Fostoria with the Pastor Donald Goodwin officiating. Visitation hours were on Monday, January 15, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria and one hour prior to the services at the church. The burial was in the Fountain Cemetery where Military Honors were conducted by the United Veterans of Fostoria. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



**JOHN D. "Bucks" BRAUN** – Died Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Xenia, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ludlow, Kentucky on July 4, 1949. He was a longtime Dayton-area radio personality according to Classic Country Radio. He was



Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley's father-in-law. Mr. Braun was the morning show host at Classic Country Radio in Xenia since 2004 and was a broadcaster for nearly 50 years. "A native of Ludlow, Kentucky, Mr. Braun earned his radio license before he was eligible for a driver's license. He hosted radio morning shows in Ohio, Florida, Mississippi, Arizona, and Kentucky before joining WONE in Dayton in 1989," according to Mr. Braun's obituary posted on Classic Country Radio's Facebook page. Mr. Braun was also a 2011 inductee into the Dayton Area Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, according to the obituary. According to Classic Country Radio, Mr. Braun was a skillful radio professional who played a variety of music and news. Joe Mullins, president and general manager of WBZI, said Thursday night that Mr. Braun had spent New Years' Day in the hospital. "It's a sad day for the broadcast community because we've lost one of the best. He had a personal connection with dozens of businesses in the Miami Valley for many years. He put his heart into everything he did to engage his audience. He put his heart into a lot of community service," according to Mullins. He was mas an *Honorary Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Public visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 7, from 2-6 p.m. at Westbrock Funeral Home, 1712 Wayne Ave. in Dayton. The family requests donations be made in Mr. Braun's name to the Dayton VA Medical Center, Voluntary Services (135), 4100 West Third Street, Dayton.



**WILLIAM H. BROAS III** - Died Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, New York at the age of 74. He was a resident of Slate Hill, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Middletown, New York on April 10, 1943 to the late William and Bernice (née Weaver) Broas. He served in the United States Army as a Specialist 6 in the Vietnam War in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He was a Maintenance Man at Middletown Psychiatric Center Middletown, NY. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans Post #212, Goshen, The Walter Hughes 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association and was a Past Commander of VFW Post #3175 Greenville, NY. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. William is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Davis) Broas at home; his daughter, Dana, and her husband, Christopher Klima, of Port Jervis; his son, Tom Broas and his wife Cameron, of Bethlehem, PA; his grandson, Zackary William Broas; his sister, Suzanne, and her husband, Robert Mance, of Pine Bush. He was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Wisher. Friends were invited to call on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Morse Funeral Home, Inc. 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown, NY. Veteran services were at 7:00 PM, followed by funeral services. Interment with Military Honors was held on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in Orange County Veteran Cemetery, Goshen, NY.

**JIMMIE LEE BROWN** – Died recently in 2017 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 19, 1944. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



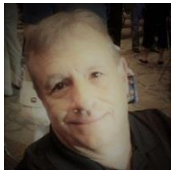
**JOHN WAYNE BRUGGMANN** – Died Monday morning, January 2, 2017 at his home in Winfield, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 3, 1947 in Saint Charles, Missouri to the late Carl F. and Ruth A. (née Ereiser) Bruggmann. John served his country in the United States Army from December 1, 1966 until he was honorably discharged on December 12, 1968 as a SP4-T. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri*. He was employed in Appliance Sales at Sears and Automotive Sales at Advance Auto Parts. John was united in marriage on August 20, 1994 in Florissant, Missouri to Mary Elizabeth Scaturro. Traveling to various racetracks, John was an avid NASCAR fan, particularly Dale Earnhardt. John also traveled with the “U-Turn” Car Club in his 1939 Chevy. He loved to ride Harley and Goldwing motorcycles. Survivors include his beloved wife of 22 years, Mary Bruggmann of Winfield; his daughters: Jody Hansel of St. Charles and Amy Bruggmann of Lincoln, NE and one granddaughter, Amanda Hansel. John also leaves his stepdaughter, Jamie Slattery of Florissant; his stepson, Jason Slattery, also of Florissant; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation hours were held from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Carter-Ricks Funeral Home in Winfield. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Missouri in care of Carter-Ricks Funeral Home, 3838 East Highway 47, P.O. Box 253, Winfield, MO 63389. A Celebration of Life was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Carter-Ricks Funeral Home near Winfield. Deacon Neal Westhoff of the Immaculate Conception Church in Old Monroe, MO officiated. Full Military Honors were accorded.

**RONALD L. BRYANT** – Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Greece, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 31, 1944 in Rochester, New York. He is survived by his loving wife, Beverly; devoted daughter, Shelly (Mike) Bryant-DeRise; sister, Barbara (Charles) Peterson; many loving family and dear Friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Ronald's Military Honors Interment was held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



**WALTER “Walt” BRYANT, JR.** - Died Friday, January 19, 2018 in Aurora, Indiana at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 30, 1939 in Dearborn County, Indiana to the late Walter Bryant, Sr. and Dorothy Eloise Bryant. He served his country as a member of the United States Army. He was a member of the Aurora Moose, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71*, and the Korean War Veterans Chapter #4. Walt was a 20-year career military man. He served during Vietnam, receiving the CIB, Purple Heart with 1 OLC, Bronze Star Medal w/V device and 2 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal w/V device & 1 OLC, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star, and

the Parachutist Badge as well as several other Medals. Walt received the "Excellence in Competition Badge for Rifle" as a member of the All Army Shooting Team. He served on the local Color Guards for KWVA and Rising Sun several years. Walt, along with his late wife Betty, loved to sing karaoke and in their younger days they both loved to dance. Surviving are siblings, Don (Debbie) Bryant, James Bryant, Hope (Gary) Denison and Deborah (Michael) Abbott, and; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 56 years Betty L. Bryant and their daughter, Faith Craig; siblings, Leymen Bryant, Joe Bryant, Sandra Smith, Susan Duckworth, and Della Lozier. Friends were received on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Aurora, 6060 Blair Road, Aurora, Indiana. Services were held at the church on Saturday at 2:00 PM with Pastor Rick Johnson and Pastor Mary Jane Johnson co-officiating. Interment was in the River View Cemetery, Aurora, Indiana. Military graveside services were conducted by members of local Veterans Service Organizations. Contributions may be made to the Welcome Home Warriors or Home for Our Troops.



**DAVID RUSSELL BULLER** – Died Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1948 in Lake Charles to the late Charlie and Mary Lee Buller. David was a graduate of Fenton High School, Tarleton State University and received his Master's degree from McNeese State University. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam and was wounded in action. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinder Chapter #215**. He was president of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and member of Jeff Davis School Board. David was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, where he served as a Deacon. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and most of all, showing people the love of Jesus Christ. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Andrew Buller, Jewel Burks, Margie Palmer and Charlie Buller. Left to cherish his wonderful memory are his wife of 49 years, Victoria "Vickie" Buller; daughter, Sarah Lyn Preda and husband, Stephen of Fairfield, Ohio; 2 grandsons, Matthew and David Preda; brothers, Clyde Buller and wife, Ellie; Richard "Dick" Buller; sister, Barbara Inez Savant. Services celebrating his life was in the Trinity Baptist Church - North Venue of Lake Charles on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 2:00 PM with Reverend Steve James officiating. Burial was in the Hebert Cemetery with military honors under the direction of Johnson and Brown Funeral Home. Visitation hours were on Saturday in Trinity Baptist Church - North Venue from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Pallbearers assisting in his service were Russ Sutherland, Mike Oakley, Clarence Caesar, David Nunez, Keith Leger and Dwight Primeaux. Following the burial in Hebert Cemetery, friends were invited to fellowship at David's home located at 23359 Highway 383, Iowa, Louisiana. We want to thank his nephew Ernie Savant who served us faithfully throughout David's needy times. Thank you to Jonas, Jamie, Jana, Jean Hatfield and Shari Matt. Thank you to our family and friends for helping us so very much during the last two years. We are sending special prayers for the many medical staff members and a special thanks to the Veteran Affairs Medical Center.



**MAURICE W. "Moe" BURDEN** - Died Monday, April 14, 2012 at the Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vermont at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 15, 1947, in Rutland, Vermont to the late Maurice C. Burden and Jane Burden-Fox. He graduated in 1965 from Wallingford High School. He served in the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War prior to his honorable discharge in 1968. Mr. Burden married Carolyn Colvin April 8, 1972, in Wallingford, Vermont. He was employed for 35 years by General Electric Co., retiring in 2006. He was a member of Tinmouth Community Church, Tinmouth Historical Society, American Legion Post #31, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #648, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**, as well as a trustee and superintendent of Tinmouth Cemetery and served on the Town of Tinmouth Board of Adjustment. Mr. Burden enjoyed hunting and NASCAR. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; his son, Jason Burden; his Mother, Jane Fox; his siblings, Kathy and David Fox, all of Tinmouth; an aunt, and; a niece and nephew. He was predeceased by his father, Maurice C. Burden. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tinmouth Community Church where friends came from 9:30 AM prior to the service. Burial was in the Tinmouth Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Tinmouth Cemetery Association, PO Box 25, Wallingford, VT 05773. Arrangements were under the direction of the Wallingford-Aldous Funeral Home.

**ALVIN R. BURK II** – Died recently in 2017 in Venice, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Minnesota on December 30, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served in Vietnam from August 1967 to November 1969 with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces. He was stationed in Nha Trang, Da Nang, Can Tho. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.

**RICHARD A. BUSCH** – Died in October 2017 in the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 6, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**.

**PATRICK S. BYERS** – Died recently in 2017 in Palm Bay, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.



**ANTHONY J. CARNEVALE** - Died Thursday, December 28, 2017 in Bogota, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 3, 1947. Before retiring he was a butcher for Shop-Rite, Hackensack and prior to that he owned Bogota Meat Market for 12 years. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a Purple

Heart recipient. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800*. He was a member and past commander of Ralph H. Hall, Post #5561, VFW, Bogota. He was a parishioner of Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Bogota where he was active with the food pantry. He belonged to Chief Justice White Council, Knights of Columbus, Teaneck. He was a former trustee of the Bogota Swim Club and founder of the swim club Snack Bar. He was the beloved father of Dana and her partner Anthony, Danielle, Darci and Joseph; dear brother of Robert (wife, the late Joyce) and the late Francis (wife, Audrey): loving uncle of Cathy, Joanne (husband, Robert), Noreen (husband, Robert), Robin (husband, Danny), Robert, Sean, Megan, Madison, Michael and Jonathan, and; also survived by his former in-laws, in the Heflich family. The funeral left the Petrik Funeral Home, 140 Palisade Avenue, Bogota on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM for the funeral Mass at Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church at 9:30 AM. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Visiting hours were on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Ralph H. Hall, Post #5561, VFW, Bogota or its Ladies Auxiliary, or Saint Joseph's Food Pantry would be appreciated.



**ROBERT LYNN CARTER** – Died Sunday, November 26, 2017 in Robinson, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born in Waco, Texas to the late Joe Lynn Carter and Patsy Ann (née Rappe) Carter. He graduated from Richfield High School in 1972. Upon graduation he married Geni Kay Reeves and enlisted in the United States Army where he was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany and served active duty from 1972-1975. He served in the Army Reserves, 348<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion from 1975-1995. During his time in the reserves, he was called into active duty twice, once being to serve in Operation Desert Shield in the Gulf War. After his active duty service Robert worked as a mechanic in Waco for 30 years, acting as Shop Foreman for Bird Kultgen Ford for 21 years. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved bass fishing. He also greatly enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle with friends. He looked forward to the family dinners they had every Monday night where the immediate family would all gather for fellowship. One of his greatest passions however, was serving the veterans of Central Texas. He volunteered his time and energy at the Central Texas Veterans One Stop, Chairman of the Gulf War Group, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Committee, Waco Task Force to Save the VA Medical Center, Commander of the VFW Post #2034, Commander of the American Legion #1212, a charter member and chaplain of the American Legion Riders, and Board Member of the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012**. He also organized the annual Veteran's Day parade in Waco for the past several years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geni Kay Carter and his mother Patsy Ann Carter. He is survived by his beloved wife Roxanna Kay Carter and his sons, Bryan Keith Carter and his wife Ashley and their children Shelby and Bailey, Christopher Kyle Carter and daughter Caisy, and Nicholas Lynn Carter; step daughters Renee Colon and her children Jamie, Joshua, and Andrea, Marla Cortes and her children Leleana, Cheyenne and Soleil; sisters JoAnn Carter Elting and husband Brent, Cindy Carter McBurnett and husband John; brother Raymond Carter and wife Beverly, and father Joe Carter and wife Betty. The pallbearers were Ray Black, Lloyd Coffman,

Stan Hough, Terry Scott, Mike Simon, and Frank Traplena. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Robert's name to the Central Texas Veterans One Stop at 2010 LaSalle Avenue, Waco, Texas 76706. Visitation hours were from 2:00 – 5:00 PM on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the OakCrest Funeral Home, 4520 Bosque Boulevard, Waco, Texas. Funeral services were on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Moonlight Drive Fellowship Church, 828 West Moonlight Drive, Robinson, Texas. Burial will follow at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 State Highway 195, Killeen, Texas at 2:00 PM.



**STEVEN PAUL "Steve" CHARCHAN** - Died in Henderson, Nevada on Friday, December 14, 2012 at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Steve was born on July 14, 1944 in New York to the late Victor and Anne Charchan. He retired from the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Upon his retirement he earned his accounting degree. Steve was married three times; first to Barbara Velasquez, second to Kim Honea, and most recently to Patty Balch. Steve was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kaniksu Masonic Lodge #97, Coeur d'Alene Valley Scottish Rite, Moyie Shrine Club, and he enjoyed dressing as "Luigi" the El Katif Shrine "Klown." He was an extremely generous man and was devoted to serving his country and his community; including a charity he created called "Heavenly Helping Hands," where he provided scholarships to physical and occupational therapy students. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandpoint (Idaho) Chapter #890*. He is survived by his daughters Elizabeth (Darrel) Sears of Oklahoma City, OK, and Teresa (Zackry) Richter of Las Vegas, NV; and four grandchildren Benjamin, Harrison, Lauren and Kiera. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather, Michael Michel, and his wife, Patty Charchan. Viewing for friends and family was held from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint, Idaho. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Andy Kennaly officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Lakeview Cemetery.



**MICHAEL J. "Mike" CHOVANETZ** - Died Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was renal cancer with metastases to the abdomen. He was born in Cuero, Texas on July 8, 1948 to the late Fred and Annabelle (née Buehrig) Chovanetz. On October 27, 1990 he married Kathleen Buzek of Hallettsville at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army 243<sup>rd</sup> A.V.N.Co and served two tours in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, VFW, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854*. Michael is preceded in death by his parents the late Fred and Annabelle Chovanetz. Michael is survived by his wife Kathleen Chovanetz, son Kevin Chovanetz and wife Tina and grandson Konnor Reid of Fulshear,

TX. He is also survived by his three brothers, Fred Chovanetz and wife Laverne, James Chovanetz and wife Rida, both of Hallettsville, Charles Chovanetz and wife Julie of Richmond, TX and sister Natalie and husband Jimmy Brandt of Wallis, TX. Mike loved many things about life, to name a few, early morning squirrel and hog hunts, Saturday afternoon cruising country roads with his brother Charles and one of his most beloved times was spending time with his grandson Konnor. Mike was very knowledgeable and enjoyed reading a good book either in his rocking chair on his front porch or in his library. Mike will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and best pawpaw ever. The family would like to give a special thanks and appreciation to the staff at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Lavaca Medical Center, Hospice of south Texas and Msgr. John Peters. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic church, American Cancer society, Hospice of South Texas or donor's choice. The Memorial Mass Service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Visitation hours started at 5:30 PM on Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. The main celebrant for the Mass was Reverend Msgr. John Peters. The burial was private.



**CLINTON C. "Chris" CHRISTMAN** - Died July 18, 2016 at 6:55 AM in his residence Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania to the late Clinton L. and Gertrude E. (née Simmons) Christman. He was the husband of Barbara A. (née Albert) Christman. They celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Chris was a correctional officer

for SCI-Graterford for 8 years. He was a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and a life member of Mohnton Fish and Game. He was a former volunteer fireman for the Juniors Fire Company, Reading, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania*. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Matthew C., husband of Kelly Christman, of Breinigsville, Mark C. Christman, Muhlenberg Township.; his sister, Patricia Leddick-Christman, Wilmer, Ala.; and his four grandchildren, Lauren, Logan, Hunter and Morgan. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Grace Bible Fellowship, 1128 Hampden Boulevard, Reading. The Reverend Randall A. Grossman officiated. Interment was private at the convenience of the family. Family and friends were received immediately following services. Please remember Chris by making contributions to the American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, PA 19605. The Klee Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. in Shillington, Pennsylvania assisted the Christman family.



**RANDOLPH BURTON "Randy" CLAPP** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 16, 2017 in Conroe, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 29, 1938 in Houston, Texas to the late Ely Burton Clapp and Annie May (née Beard) Clapp. He was also predeceased by his sister, Bonnie May Schaefer; his brother, Charles M. Clapp and many of his "Brothers "that he served with during his 20-year United States Army career. Randy is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Jo Evelyn (née Stephens) Clapp; his sons, Randolph Clapp II, Timothy Stephen Clapp and David Lynn Clapp and wife, Jennifer; his

brothers, E.B. Clapp and wife Janie and Michael Bonds along with 7 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends. In March of 1955, Randy joined the U.S. Army and upon completing basic training at Fort Carson Colorado, he returned home to Texas and married his High School sweetheart, Jo Evelyn Stephens. While in the Army, Randy attended many different training schools and completed Officer Candidate School from which he graduated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. During his 20-year Army Career he rose to the rank of Major. Randy and his family were stationed at many different Army bases and states including Kentucky, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Alabama, Germany and two tours of duty in Vietnam. After retiring from the Army in 1975, Randy was employed in the Parole Division of the State of Texas for several years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. He was fascinated with his family genealogy and learned many interesting things about them, including that his 9<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, Roger Clapp, came to America in 1630 on the ship "Mary and John". Through the years between 1630 and 1938, the year that Randy was born, many Clapp's were born and were very active in American History. Randy had many friends in many different areas of Conroe, and he will be missed. The funeral services were performed at the Veterans Cemetery in Houston, where Randy is buried.

**JUDITH ANN COLE** - Died Monday, July 3, 2017 in Jane Lew, West Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death was periodontitis. She was born on June 27, 1954. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #906**. Judith's request for cremation was honored. Family and friends gathered at the Pat Boyle Funeral Home and Cremation Service at 144 Hackers Creek Road in Jane Lew from 5:00-6:00 PM on Friday, July 7, 2017. A Celebration of Life Service was at 6:00 PM from the Pat Boyle Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bill Coffindaffer officiating.



**THEODORE ERNEST "Ted" COOK** - Died Sunday, October 1, 2017 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 70. He was a resident of London, Kentucky. The cause of death was metastatic esophageal cancer. He was born in Oneida, Kentucky on September 14, 1947 to the late Willard Eugene Cook and Emily Rosetta (née Fiechter) Cook. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Cook, of the home. He was the father of Teddy Cook and wife Joann, Connie Cook, Christopher Conley, and Chandler Conley all of London, Kentucky; the brother of Connie Cook and husband Glen Johnson, Denny Cook and wife Janice, and Gene Cook and wife Martha of Murray, Kentucky; the grandfather of Briar Rose Cook and Brycen Cook, Kasey Robinson, and Kamie Jo Wilson all of London, Kentucky; the great-grandfather of Braylen Robinson of London, Kentucky. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews. He was Owner of Cook Tire, Inc., faithful member of Carmichael Community Church, and a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. He was preceded in death by one brother, David Cook. Funeral services for Ted Cook were conducted on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the London Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jeff Lewis, Reverends Jim Helton and Tyler



Lewis co-officiating. Entombment was at the A.R. Dyche Memorial Park. The family of Ted Cook received friends at London Funeral Home after 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 2017. In lieu of flowers the family requested memorial contributions be made to: Shriners Hospitals for Children Medical Center, 110 Conn Terrace, Lexington, Kentucky 40508. Serving as pallbearers were Delbert Henson, Lonnie Spurlock, Steven Riley, Terry Cheek, Jacque Bush, Buddy Collins, Stanley Gray, Homer Henson, Lowell Scott, Ronnie Yates, and Joey Hunt.



**STANLEY GENE "Stan" COTNER** – Died Monday, November 27, 2017 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jackson on April 8, 1950 to the late Harvey and Tommie (née Sowell) Cotner. He was the youngest of eight children. He was preceded in death by Jimmy Cotner, Christine LaPorte (Art), Mary Helen Recker (Harry), Charles Cotner, Billy Cotner, Hal and Frances Scammerhorn Cummings, and; nieces and nephews Tim Recker, David LaPorte, Mike Cotner, Pam Cotner, Trey Cummings, Wil Cummings and his brother-in-law, Doug Lonon. He leaves behind his wife of forty-three years, Laura (née Cummings) Cotner. They shared the joy of raising three beautiful girls along with their eight grandchildren who were their absolute pride, Angie Cotner Terry (Donald) Zack, Hallie and Chance, Amy Cotner Hurst (Brad) Tyler and Camdyn, and Allison Cotner Smith (Brent) Makeller, Keaton and Griffin. This family shares a strong immovable bond along with the assurance that we will meet again. He is also survived by Ann Cotner, Juanita Cotner, Douglas Cotner, Larry Cotner (Donna), William (Dicky) and Shelia Cummings and Susie Cummings Lonon and many nieces and nephews. He was a member of Englewood Baptist Church. He gave his life to Christ on November 2, 1975. He loved going to church and loved being a member of Tom Mapes' Sunday school class. He was always a fan of Southern gospel music. He was previously a member of Woodland Baptist Church for over thirty years under Bro. Bob Ervin. He created a lifetime of memories with his friends and family. He loved to travel and spend time at the mountains and ocean. He enjoyed photographing the splendor of God's creation. He loved to go fishing with his grandchildren. He was happiest when he was with his girls. His bond with his daughters is something that cannot be explained but only felt and seen. Stan was a 1968 graduate of North Side High School. He attended Jackson State Community College and Jackson Area Vocational-Technology School. He was employed by Owens-Corning, Wilson Sporting Goods and Regional Hospital. He was an Industrial Electrician. Stan was a patriot, honoring God and his country during his service in the United States Army. Stan served in Vietnam as an Infantry Soldier with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division from 1969-1970. His remaining time was spent in Warzburg, Germany with the Third Infantry Division, He enjoyed spending time encouraging other Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Jackson Chapter #995** group and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6496. He earned many awards including Combat-Infantryman badge, the Bronze Star with V Device for Heroism, the Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal. He passed his patriotism down to his children and grandchildren and loved to share his experiences with them. Family and friends were invited to celebrate the life of Stan Cotner at the Arrington Funeral Directors. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The funeral service was held

at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 30, 2017 in the chapel of Arrington Funeral Directors with Tom Mapes officiating. Burial was in the Hollywood Cemetery with a complete military farewell (VVA #995 Honor Guard). The pallbearers were Donald Terry, Zack Terry, Brad Hurst, Tyler Hurst, Brent Smith and Tom Cummings. The honorary pallbearers were Hallie Terry, Camdyn Hurst, Makeller Smith, Keaton Smith, Griffin Smith, Chance Terry, Kris Cotner and Jason Lonon. The family extended a special thank you to Avalon Hospice for their care and support. 2Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." In lieu of flowers donations were requested to be made to Youth Town of Tennessee or the Vietnam Veterans #995 Honor Guard, 285 Airways Boulevard, Jackson, TN 38301.

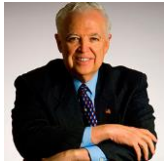


**LEWIS T. "Louie" CRAIG, SR.** - Died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 74. He was a resident of Porter, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1943 in Gary, Indiana to the late Arthur and Georgia (née Zook) Craig. Lewis is survived by his wife, Carol (née Wiggs) Craig of Porter; his sons, Lewis "Jay" (Jodi) Craig, of Porter, William (Maranda) Horn, Jr. and Thomas (Melody) Horn; his grandchildren, Jackson and Angel Craig, Amelia and Evelyn Kelly, William Barnabus Horn and D'Anna Benson; his brother, Arthur (Beverly) Craig, Jr.; his sisters, Elaine, Moncena, and Jeanine. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Rita. Lewis retired as the Fire Chief of the Town of Porter after 27 years and 45 years in the department. He served in Vietnam with the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905*. In his 45 years with Porter Fire Department, Louie has helped train countless men and women to safely serve our community. The impact he has made will last for generations to come. Louie was involved with the Westchester Auxiliary police starting in 1975 for many years, and Porter police in 1986, for many years. In 1974, he was with NOPAC and was on his first ambulance call for the company. Louie was involved with the Animal Warden from January 1, 1984-1990. He retired from Bethlehem Steel after 33 years as a supervisor for the roll shop. He will forever be remembered as a man who treated everyone as if they were family. The funeral service was held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Augsburg Lutheran Church, 100 North Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304 with Reverend Erik Bernth officiating. The burial took place in the Angelcrest Cemetery. Visitation hours were held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Edmonds and Vans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with an IVFA memorial service at 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Porter Volunteer Fire Department.



**ANTHONY C. "Tony" CUBELLIS** – Died Thursday, October 10, 2013 in Bellingham, Washington at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the steel town of New Castle, Pennsylvania on March 15, 1944 where he said the winter snow was always black. He really disliked shoveling snow! He had a successful career in insurance for 43 years where he and Pat worked together for 37 of those years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a

*Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165.* He was involved with many organizations but was most proud of being one of the first people in Whatcom county to teach CPR at the Bellingham Technical School. He was very active in his faith and loved God with all his heart. Tony liked to putter around in his shop, movies, fish when he could, and to spend every birthday in Mexico along with he and Pat's wonderful friends. He is survived by his wife Pat, son Ron (Lesley Norman) and daughter Amy. He was grandfather to Jason, Jenny, and Lillianne and great-grandfather to Braxton and Oliver. A memorial service was held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Lynden on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM. Memorials may be given to the Bellingham Food bank.



**TED DAYWALT** (USNR, CAPT-Ret.) - Died Sunday, October 1, 2017 at the UF Shands Hospital in the University of Florida Health Complex at the age of 68. The cause of death was Interstitial Pulmonary Lung Disease. His determination to survive his double lung transplant this past January is a testament to Ted's courage and positive spirit." He was born on February 6, 1949 in the Key West Naval Hospital, Florida. In addition to his career in the Naval Reserve, since 1999, Ted has been the president and CEO of VetJobs, the leading military jobs board on the Internet. He served on active duty in the United States Navy for seven years. He initially served as a Line Officer on a destroyer with cruises to South America, Europe and Russia. He was then assigned to the Commander United States Naval Forces, European headquarters in London, England, as an intelligence watch officer and later as a geopolitical analyst with responsibilities for the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. In 1978, he transferred to the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program, from which he retired as a Captain (O-6) with 28 years of service. He was a stalwart NIP member. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772.* CAPT Ed Pope, whose release from unjust imprisonment in Moscow was another of Ted's causes, passed the following: "Those of us who had the privilege of meeting and getting to know Ted will miss him. He was a wonderful man, strong believer in God, family and country to the very end." Ed included a note from the Daywalt family: "We want to commend the entire wonderful and amazing medical community of Shands Hospital. They were committed to his daily progress and share our loss. The staff got to know Ted and loved, respected and admired his determination as he battled this terrible disease." "The care and love of the Shands staff gave Ted and our family 10 more months that we would not have had and for this we will always be grateful." "Thank you for your visits, your prayers and the many expression of love that you all have showed to Ted on this journey." "Ted's priorities in life were: God, his family and his country, in that order, and we will honor his memory by continuing his legacy." "Belinda, Melissa, Andrew and Liz". On Saturday, January 27th, at 3:00 PM, everyone who knew Ted were invited to join the family at Christ United Methodist Church, 1340 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075, for Military Honors and Final Salute for Ted Daywalt. Ted's DAV and VFW Chapters will be hosting a reception in the church hall following the Final Salute.



**DOUGLAS E. "Papa" "Doug" DEE** - Died Saturday, January 6, 2018, at UnityPoint Health – Trinity in Rock Island at the age of 66. He was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 11, 1951 in Bellview, Iowa to Edwin D. and Josephine (née McGlothlin) Dee. He graduated from Moline High School in 1969 and married Judith Montgomery on February 6, 1999, in Port Byron, Illinois. Doug voluntarily enlisted into the United States Army December 24, 1969, during the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. He served as a combat medic in Vietnam where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service medal with 3 bronze service stars and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Upon return, he continued in the medical corps as an x-ray technician at Darnell Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas. He was discharged from the Army in December 1972, however later joined the United States Army Reserves where he served eleven more years in the medical corps. Following his discharge in 1990, Doug continued his life of service as a devoted husband and father. He worked for several pest control companies before following in his father's footsteps and becoming a disc jockey on WGEN for several years. He is most remembered as "Doug Hamilton" on "Remember Then", with his partner, Ann McKay. Papa was a proud member of the Milan American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapters #669 and #299**, MAVA, and AUSA, to mention a few. He enjoyed fishing and home improvement and was talented with ceramics and carpentry. He loved driving his Ford F-150 trucks over the years. The family is very grateful to Bobby Bazer, who drove him on his daily trips to Home Depot, Menards, and Lowes, when he could no longer drive. He was a well-known area philanthropist and founder of "Papa's Helping Vets", of Rock Island, Illinois. For many years, Doug informally extended his goodwill and helping hand to other veterans. He never knew a stranger and always gave of himself to others. What started as a small gesture to help a veteran who needed a couch, became a large nonprofit organization of providing household goods and furniture to veterans, primarily, homeless veterans. In retirement, his life was his family and "Papa's Helping Vets," which he and his wife founded in 2007. For over a decade, Papa helped thousands of veterans in the Quad Cities area. He collaborated with many veteran organizations, but never turned away a person in need. Though humble to his core about his remarkable mission, he received the Jefferson Award in 2014. He was recognized for his contributions to the tangible needs of our veterans but took it much further and brought awareness to the transition struggles of our nations heroes. A true hero himself, Papa dedicated his life to serving others with loving devotion and a tenacious spirit of loyalty to his comrades. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jude; children, Matthew (Nicole) Young of Davenport, Douglas A. Dee of Davenport, Tracy Cox of East Moline, Jeffrey (Whitney) Dee of St. Louis, Missouri, Justin (Edna) Dee of Gainesville, Florida, Kaitlin Dee of Hudson, Florida, Molly Lewis of Rock Island, and Lisa (Danny) Lincoln of Davenport; 19 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; his mother, Josephine Black, of Havana, Illinois; a sister, Susan (George Jackson) Dembinski of Merrillville, Indiana; in-laws, Steven (Peggy) Houk of Davenport, Sandra (Bob) Payne of Hampton, Anita (James) Holmberg of Franklin, Nebraska, and Tamera (Terry) Langfitt of Davenport; many nieces and nephews; and an "adopted son", Bobby Bazer of Rock Island. He

was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Dee, and a son, Jesse Dee. Services were at 10:00 AM on Thursday in the Horizon Room at Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, with Reverend Jeff Edwards officiating. Burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, where the Milan American Legion Post #569 and VVA Chapter #669 presented military honors. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Cremation took place prior to services at the Trimble Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Adonai Community Support Services in Aledo or the Milan American Legion.



**JAMES BURL "Jim" DENTON** - Died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in Lenexa, Kansas at the age of 67. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. Jim was born in Gainesville, Missouri on September 17, 1948 to the late Burl and Billie Denton. He spent during his boyhood in Arkansas and California, the family relocated to Merriam, Kansas. Jim graduated from SM North in 1967, having lettered in football, diving, and track and field. The football team won State his senior year. He attended Emporia State on athletic scholarship, but the following Spring enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was Honor Man of his platoon, selected for Recon School, and then qualified for Force Recon. In Vietnam as a Lance Corporal he earned six Purple Hearts (one of which was presented to him by Secretary McNamara) and the Bronze Star with Combat V. Convalescence took over a year. He married Kay Wellborn on March 15, 1969 and started a long successful career in sales – Denton Fence, Andy Klein, Shawnee Mission Ford and Superior Chevrolet. He was one of the founders of Kansas City Dental Care, the area's first dental maintenance organization, and then 13 years in the courier arena, establishing Denton Delivery Service from 2009 to 2015. He was a Life Member of the Marine Corps League – Gen Larry Oppenheimer Detachment #1025 – as well as past Commandant and Senior Vice, and Life Member of VFW Post #7397, Lenexa. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317*. Jim coached his sons in basketball and baseball and became involved in umpiring with the USSSA. He won several regional and national awards and through that recognition was named Junior Olympic Commissioner from 1996 – 2002. The KC Star featured him in a 7-page spread in STAR Magazine on Aug. 26, 1990. His other passion was golf, and he played on courses all over the world, shooting a double eagle twice in his lifetime. He was also a world class Liars Poker player. On December 3, 2008, he married Susann Riffe on Lido Beach in Sarasota, FL. They built the courier business together and traveled to Mexico, all over California, and returned to Lido Beach every year for their anniversary. They both agreed they had married "their best friend". Jim was preceded in death by his first wife and his son Jeffrey. He is survived by his wife Susann, his son Jimmy and granddaughter Sophia Rose, his parents, Billie and Burl, his daughter-in-law, Kersten and granddaughters Kaitlyn and Dakota, and brothers Mark (Becky), Ralph and Wylie (Barbara) and many nieces and nephews. There was a visitation from 2:00 - 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 17, 2016 – Jim's 68<sup>th</sup> birthday - at the Amos Family Funeral Home, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203. A celebration of life commenced at 3:00 PM. A Fallen Marine

ceremony and 21-gun salute followed. Jim's ashes were buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Oppenheimer MCL 1025, 9550 Pflumm Road, Lenexa, KS 66215. Susann hosted a get together at her home after the service. Semper fi and Hoorah!



**CHARLES ALFRED "Charlie" DeSAUSSURE III** - Died Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia at the age of 73. He was a resident of Gainesville. The cause of death is unknown. Charlie was born on April 12, 1944 in Norwalk, Connecticut to the late Charles Alfred DeSaussure II and Kate DeSaussure. He attended Norwalk High School. Charlie is survived by his wife of 52 years and high school sweetheart Kathy (née Gardner) DeSaussure; three sons, Charlie Alfred DeSaussure IV and wife Mandy (Thurston), of Flowery Branch, GA, Ken DeSaussure and wife Claire (Crowe-Haylett), of Pleasant View, UT and Bill DeSaussure and wife, Jenny (Pye) of Dallas, GA; his grandchildren, Victoria, Charlie, Bailey, Grady and Wyatt; two sisters, Courtney DeSaussure Austin and Kay DeSaussure Orecchio, and; a host of nieces and nephews. Charlie was also preceded in death by his sister, Anne DeSaussure Shill, of Spartanburg, SC. He joined the United States Air Force and served his country in Vietnam and Spain before settling in Grafton, Ohio. Over time, Charlie and Kathy welcomed three boys into their lives. Charlie spent his life in service, not only to his country, but to his community. He was a volunteer fire fighter with Grafton Township and East Carlisle Township fire departments and EMT in Grafton, OH and served as Boy Scout leader for more than 43 years. He was an active member of Troop #203 and Assistant District Commissioner of Northeast Georgia Council. He volunteered with Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, VFW, and Sea Scouts. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. A service to honor Charlie and celebrate his life was on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch, GA. Father Eric Hill officiated the ceremony. All were welcomed to attend and celebrate Charlie's life.

**JAMES J. "Jim" DICRISTO** – Died Sunday, June 11, 2017 in Mukwonago, Wisconsin at the age of 68. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born on May 24, 1949 to the late John and Joyce Dicristo, who survives. He was the beloved husband and best-friend of Sharon (née Pier); caring Dad of James (Heather) and Anthony (Susan); adored Grandpa of Nicholas, Mia, Olivia, Isabelle and Zachary; loving son of Joyce and the late John, and; dearest brother of the late Carla (Bill) Bingham, Dennis, David (Rose), the late Daniel (Loretta), Victoria (Robert) Johannik and Julie (Mike) Brown. Jim will be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hermansville (Michigan) Chapter #571**. A visitation was held on Monday June 19, 2017 at Saint James Catholic Church, 830 Veterans Way Mukwonago from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 Noon. Private burial took place later. In lieu of flowers,

memorials to Saint James Church or to the Alzheimer Association in Jim's name would be greatly appreciated.



**CEDRIC C. "Rick" DILSIZIAN** - Died Sunday, March 12, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Peosta, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Rick was born on December 6, 1946 in New York City, New York to the late Apkar and Nona (née Kurdian) Dilsizian. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Air Force for 15 years. He then taught as a professor of math and computer science at Westchester, New York Community College before retiring in Peosta. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester (Connecticut) Chapter #120**. Survivors include his significant other, Wanda Wallace, of Peosta; his sister, Elizabeth Lawson, of Falls Church, VA; his nephew, Steve (Corrine) Lawson; and his niece, Jennifer (Travis) Scarborough and their children Ian and Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, George Lawson. Visitation hours were held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Egelhof, Siegert and Casper Westview Funeral Home, 2659 Kennedy Road, where Military Rites were accorded by the American Legion Dubuque Post # 6 at 7:00 PM. To leave an online condolence, please visit [egelhofsiegertcasper.com](http://egelhofsiegertcasper.com). In lieu of flowers a Rick Dilsizian Memorial Fund was been established.



**JAMES F. DREHER** - Died Tuesday, January 6, 2018 in Olmstead Falls, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 4, 1946 to the late Alfred and Alice (née Moran) Dreher. He is survived by his wife, Peggy (née Hammond) Dreher; grandchildren, Tyler and Chris Davis; his great-grandchildren, Selena and Duke Davis. James served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the North Olmsted VFW Post #7647 and the Heat and Frost Insulators Local #3 Union. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and fishing. Visitation hours took place on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070. Military honors and burial took place at the Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery in Rittman OH on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were asked to be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Springs, MD 20910.



**ROBERT CHARLES DREWES, SR.** – Died Wednesday, September 14, 2011 in Pearl River, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 2, 1940 to the late Frank Charles Drewes, Sr. and O'lette (née Claassen) Drewes. He was a former resident of Saint Bernard Parish and a resident of Pearl River, for the past six years. He was the beloved husband of Victory (née Cochran) Drewes; his children, Robert and Elaine Drewes; Robert C. Drewes, Jr. (Robbie) and Todd M. Drewes; stepfather of Dennis Cochran; brother of Donald E. Drewes, Frances Drewes Kriz, Joy Rolli and the late Frank C. Drewes, Jr., Dorothy Drewes Thompson and Elmo E. Humphrey, Sr.; grandfather of Todd M. Drewes, Jr., Sean Cochran and Ella Cochran; father-in-law of Laurie Z. Drewes; brother-in-law of Dale A. Kriz, Emmett Meitzler, Harriet Drewes and Gwen Drewes, and; survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Meraux Chapter #550**, St. Bernard Chapter; 12-mile Hunting Club; past Master of indivisible Friends Lodge #404; F A & M Mobil Retirees Association. Relatives and friends and employees of Exxon Mobile were invited to attend funeral services at Jacob Schoen and Son, 3827 Canal Street at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2011. Visitation began at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers send donations to American Cancer Society for Pancreatic Cancer. Interment will be private. Arrangements were under the direction of the Schoen Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA.



**WILBUR W. DuBRAY** - Died Saturday, January 28, 2017 at his home in Rutland, Vermont at the age of 68, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. All during this battle, he never lost his sense of humor. He was born in Rutland on January 5, 1949 to the late Estelon and Elsie (née Goodrich) DuBray. Wilbur was a 1967 graduate of Rutland High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Corporal from 1968-1969 in the Vietnam War. On October 10, 1970, he married Jeannie (née Heath) DuBray at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Rutland. Wilbur was a Rutland City firefighter for 31 years, retiring in 2000, and owned Wilbur DuBray Power Equipment. Post-retirement, he drove a bus for Marble Valley Regional Transit, he was also a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, National Association of Firefighters, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**, Italian Aid Society, Red Knights motorcycle club, the American Legion, and a life member of the Marine Corps League. Outside of his various commitments to the community, Wilbur enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf (notably a hole-in-one July 2016 at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club) and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle with his closest friend, Ernie Cioffi. Wilbur is survived by his wife, Jeannie; son Jason and granddaughter Olivia, of Raleigh, NC; daughter Carrie of Orlando, FL; and two sisters, Penny Keefe, of Rutland, and, Inah Piper, of Jupiter, FL.



He was preceded in death by sister Mary Schultz and brother George. Funeral services were held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Rutland on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 Noon. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made in Wilbur's name to Rutland Open Door Mission; The Red Knights (Vermont 3, P.O. Box 1403, Station A, Rutland, VT 05701-1403); or the charity of your choice. Arrangements were made by the Clifford Funeral Home.



**BRUCE R. DUCLOS** - Died Monday, January 1, 2018 at the Holyoke Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born on October 10, 1950 in Holyoke, Massachusetts to the late Rene and Lorraine (née Quinneville) Duclos. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran retiring after 23 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen (née Burelle); his children, Richard Burelle of NY, Rene Duclos, of IN, Dawn Matton, of Chicopee and Jenni Clapper, of South Hadley; his brothers, Mark Michon, of FL and Stephen Michon, of Chicopee; his sisters, Karen Pheasant of AR, Tina Critch, Cheryl Colon, Diane Michon and Susan Bates, all of Chicopee; six grandchildren Breana, Joseph, Dominik, Ezekiel, Victorya and Taylor, and; was predeceased by a grandchild Skylar. The funeral was on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM from the Dillon Funeral Home, Inc., 124 Chestnut Street, Holyoke, followed by a committal service and burial in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam at 10:00 AM. Visiting hours were on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM.

**DR. FRANCIS R. “Frank” DUNPHY** – Died Wednesday, July 15, 2015 in Summerfield, Florida at the of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada on September 3, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He is survived by his wife, Kim, of the home and his daughter, Dr. Anne Stangl. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 18, 2015.

**RICHARD E. EISEN** - Died Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in Bergenfield, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 1, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Jean Eisen; loving father of Susan Joy Gaffey and her husband James, Amanda Carol Scott and her husband Ian, and Jennifer Lee Eisen; cherished grandfather of Makenna Joy and Tyler James Gaffey and Sonya Moira and Sean Ace Scott. He was an independent contractor specializing in the installation and service of automatic gate operators and was a proud Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayonne Chapter #151**. Visiting hours at the Riewerts Memorial Home, 187 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield on Saturday, June 11, 2016 were from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral service was at the funeral home on Sunday at 10:00 AM. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America.



**GERALD M. "Jerry" FABER** - Died went to his heavenly home Thursday, October 11, 2014 at the VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 74. He was a resident of Sioux Falls. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 12, 1939 in Eden Valley, Minnesota to the late Nicholas and Josephine Faber. In 1957 he joined the National Guard and in 1959 entered the United States Navy and ended his Navy career as SeaBee Builder Chief Petty Officer. Jerry served two tours in Vietnam. During his career he supervised construction of various projects which included a sea wall in Bermuda and other building assignments in Adak, AK; Midway Island; Diego Garcia; Coos Bay, OR; Port Hueneme, CA; Whidbey Island, WA; Okinawa. He thoroughly enjoyed woodworking throughout his life. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165*. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeannie. Jerry is survived by his wife, Jo, of twenty-four years, five children from a previous marriage: Marie Nakahodo, Deborah Matsuda, and Michael Faber of Okinawa; Sheryl (Howie) Faber, Ashland, KY; Pamela (Aaron) Askew, Bend, OR. Four stepsons: Bruce (Denise) Sparks and Travis (Tammy) Sparks, Armour; Nathan (Audra) Sparks, Mitchell; Matthew (Tara) Sparks, Sioux Falls; fifteen grandchildren and eleven step-grandchildren in addition to numerous nieces and nephews. Recitation of the rosary was on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church, Sioux Falls. Funeral services were held at Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic Church on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. Burial was in the Saint Michael Cemetery with full Military Honors by the VFW Post #628. Memorials in his honor were suggested to Saint Katherine Drexel Catholic School building fund, PVA (Paralyzed Veterans of America), Saint. Jude Research, Pro-Life Alliance or Mass intentions.



**CHESTER "Chet" FILIPSKI** - Died at his home in East Grand Forks, Minnesota on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1944 in Scranton, Minnesota to the late Chester and Josephine (née Kitlas) Filipski. Chet grew up in Scranton, graduating from Scranton Tech in 1962. In 1964, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Chet was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he was awarded two Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. On June 8, 1968, he was united in marriage to Mary Thompson in Grand Forks, ND. Chet worked at the Grand Forks Post Office. He retired in 1999 after 30 years of service. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota*. After retiring, he began his love of chasing a white ball around a green course. Due to his competitive nature, his best scores were achieved when he played with his son. Chet enjoyed going to the local veteran clubs and visiting with his many friends. Mr. Filipski is survived by his loving wife, Mary; two children, Kristin Filipski, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Chad (Joy) Filipski of East Grand Forks, Minn.; and a sister, Joan Filipski, Scranton, Pa.; and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by daughter, Jennifer; his parents; and sister, Sylvia Merrick. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 9, 2016 in Saint Michael Catholic Church of Grand Forks, ND. Visitation was for the hour before Mass in the church. Military honors were provided by the American Legion Post #157, the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post #3817 and the North Dakota Army National Guard. Arrangements were with Amundson Funeral Home of Grand Forks, ND.

**SALVATORE SAMUEL FINA** – Died Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 76. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 20, 1941. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887*.



**MICHAEL S. FLANAGAN** - Died Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at Caleo Bay Alzheimer's Memory Care after a long battle with Parkinson's disease at the age of 74. He was a resident of La Quinta, California. He was born on July 27, 1943 in Houston, Texas to the late Samuel Houston Flanagan III and Rita Casperson (née Walker) Flanagan. He grew up in Fresno, California. Michael was a veteran of the Vietnam War as a United States Navy Seal, where he earned several medals, including the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Pistol Shot, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device and the Navy "E" Award. After his career in the Navy, he pursued a career in the legal profession which was his true passion. He retired in 2005, and settled down in Palm Springs, California. His passions in life were history, Civil War, golf, poker, volleyball, baseball, football, and traveling. He served 26 years with distinction as a Navy Seal in Vietnam. He traveled extensively with the Navy where he was able to visit and experience other countries. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Navy never left him, as friends and family will attest. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**. Michael is survived by his wife Annette; and five children, Jeff, Wendy, Scott, Brian, and Eric. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Alec, Aiden, Asher, Neely, and Ansel; and one great-grandchild Ajax. As per Michael's wishes, there was no service to honor him. He did not want the attention, a typical trait of a Navy Seal. His family gathered together the following year on his birthday in Yosemite National Park where his ashes were spread at his favorite spot, Olmstead Point. A tree was also planted in the park in his honor. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's organization in his name to help find a cure for this terrible disease. He will be dearly missed.

**ROBERT O. FLEMING** – Died Monday, January 1, 2018 in Corrales, New Mexico at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 1, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of the home. He served in the United States Army with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Division with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico*.



**ROBERT LAWRENCE FLICK** - Died Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in Somerset, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 19, 1942 in Somerset to the late Ray Walter and Cora Ethel (née Stairs) Flick. He was a graduate of Somerset High School. He was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerset Chapter #587**. He was married to the former Barbara Jean Rosemond who died April 13, 2009, and brother Fred M. Flick. He is survived by his sons, Edgar R. Flick married to the former Catherine Caldaroni of Somerset, and Samuel M. Flick married to the former Amy Brendlinger of Loganville, PA, grandchildren: Brian, Victoria, Jared, Brett, William, Alexander and Lucas, and great grandchildren: Austin, Sierra, Hunter, August, and Callie, also brother James A. Flick and wife Pamela of Somerset and his beloved cat Smokey. He worked until his retirement with 40 years of service as a tractor trailer driver for New Enterprise Stone and Lime, he was also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, VFW Post #554, American Legion Post #181, Teamsters Union, and the National Humane Society. Robert loved spending time traveling the US on odysseys with his wife, and gambling at various casinos. He was an avid rail fan and he especially enjoyed family cookouts in the summers. Friends were received from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday at the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home Cremation Services in Somerset. A service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset with Reverend William Triebe officiating. Interment was in the Somerset County Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Somerset Humane Society, P.O. Box 182, Somerset, PA 15501.



**ANTHONY T. FOCERI** - Died Saturday, April 02, 2016 in Fairview, West Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1946 in Queens, New York to the late Joseph and Helen (née Georgio) Foceri. Anthony retired as a detective after 19 years with the NYPD. He belonged to Noah's Ark Assembly of God and was a member of the A.A.C.A. and the Over the Hill Kruisers. Anthony was a veteran of the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He enjoyed golfing and singing. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Yost; a stepson, Rob Yost and wife, Marilesa of Bridgeport, WV; three brothers-in-law, Roy Stocking and wife Cindy, of Bath, NY, Ronald Stocking and wife Jacky, of Martinsburg, WV, Richard Stocking and wife Margie, of Buckhannon, WV; a sister-in-law, Ingrid Raad-Grubb and husband Jim, of Ft. Pierce, FL, and; several nieces and nephews. The family received friends at Noah's Ark Assembly of God in Fairview from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday and from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, at Noah's Ark with Pastor Delas Stuzen and Pastor Randy Vincent co-officiating. Interment was at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton with full military rights being performed by the Taylor County Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Gideons International: P.O. Box 1453, Fairmont, WV 26554.

**HARRY AL. FOGLIETTA** - Died in Honolulu, Hawaii on Monday, January 1, 2018 at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kailua Chapter #858**. Services were held at the Riverside, California National Cemetery.



**ANNETTE M. "Toni" FOSTER** - Died Thursday December 14, 2017 at her home in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. Toni was born on February 21, 1948 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Anthony and Lillian (née Vernon) Kicas. She was previously married to Carl Foster. Toni was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. She retired from the Rock Island Arsenal as a civilian government employee. She enjoyed volunteering with the National League of POW/MIA, Vietnam Veterans of America and Meals on Wheels. She loved animals and watching TV, especially John Wayne movies (She was his #1 fan). She loved the staff and made many friends during her time at The Fort Armstrong. Toni never knew a stranger, she will be fondly remembered for her easygoing personality. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Surviving are her daughter, Julie Bisland, and her husband Bob, of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; her son, Lars Rude, of Fort Madison, Iowa; her grandchildren, Nichole (Jerry) Ruddell, Sarah Bisland, Christine Bisland, Journey Rude, Dawson Rude, Lily Rude and Isabelle Rude; her brothers, Mark (Angie) Freeman, of Glen Burnie, MD, and Steven Kicas, Baltimore, MD; and additional family. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 3030 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. Private family graveside service, with military honors, was on Wednesday at the National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Memorials may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Quad-City Animal Welfare Center, Milan.



**J.J. "Tiny" FREEMAN** – Died quietly last month June 2013 in Seattle, Washington at the age of 72. He was living in retirement in Pierce County. "He took a nap and never woke up," said his daughter Laura Hartless. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 10, 1940. He was on the 1972 Republican ticket topped by Richard Nixon, but the GOP's nominee in Washington's 7th Congressional District was the living antithesis of the President who wore wing tips walking by the ocean, and buttoned-down aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman. Freeman was the unofficial "Mayor of Pioneer Square," boasted that the Central Tavern was his campaign headquarters and hosted a Sunday night bluegrass show on listener-supported KRAB-FM radio. He was larger than life. Freeman stood, as he loved to say, "five-foot, 18-inches tall." He ran with such platform planks as a "muscatel maintenance program" for down-and-outers,

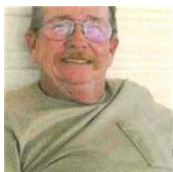
and said the campaign was a device to promote his wine, “Tiny’s Veno Keeno.” Incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. Brock Adams coasted to victory with 140,305 votes to 19,889 for Freeman. Freeman Seattle has gone decidedly upscale in the 40 years since Tiny Freeman ran for Congress. The Emerald City has lost its hangouts, many of its characters and much of its humor. A New York Times columnist has lampooned the “nanny state” excesses of its politically correct City Council. “What current Seattle character would call the Central Tavern his campaign headquarters, pose for a poster with only a small flag covering his ‘pee-pee’ and wind up on the front page of the Wall Street Journal?” Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist Susan Paynter asked in 2007. The era produced two famously funny candidates who ran on the GOP ticket, Freeman and 1968 State Land Commissioner nominee Richard A.C. Greene. Freeman was present to deliver his lines. Greene spent much of his campaign in Hawaii, while friends in Washington delivered position papers (e.g. “Land Use: The land should be used gently but firmly.”) In particular, the Nixon-era Republicans were not amused by Freeman. “I was told I had a better chance of becoming a nun than a Congressman,” he joked. King County Republican Chairman Dennis Dunn repudiated Tiny’s candidacy and urged write-in votes for County Councilman “Tukwila Tom” Forsythe. Freeman deserved some respect. To start with, he fought for his country. “My dad was a Vietnam Vet: In fact, that is where he was when I was born,” said Hartless. He served in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington*. He was an Agent Orange victim, who stopped joking and became precise when it came to evaluate veteran services. “He was one of the few people who truly lived his life the way he wanted to: He worked railroads, tugboats and drove big rigs,” said Hartless. “I believe he was attracted to things that were as big and loud as he was.” In later years, Freeman could occasionally be found playing his accordion outside Seattle Mariner games in the Kingdome. He lived in Elbe in Pierce County, moved briefly to Montana, but was always drawn back to MC tug boat races. Tiny Freeman is survived by his daughter, two sisters and four grandchildren. The friends of J.J. Tiny Freeman gathered at midday on July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Central Saloon, once campaign headquarters, to lift cups, share memories and tell stories. “A couple weeks later we are taking his ashes for one last train ride,” said Hartless.

**LARRY WAYNE “Joker” FURR** - Died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017 in Concord, North Carolina at the age 77. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born on February 18, 1939 in Stanly County to the late James Wayne Furr and Essie (née Almond) Furr. He was retired from Concrete Supply and was a United States Air Force veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. He attended Mission Baptist Church. He enjoyed his cars and taking care of them, he also liked spending time watching NASCAR and Drag Racing. He is survived by a sister Margie F. Burris; nephews, Bryan Burris, Dean Burris and Kevin Burris(Sharon); a niece, Susan DeBerry(Lynn), and; three grand-nephews. A reception of friends was from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Gordon Funeral Home of Mount Pleasant, 8559 Cook Street, Mount Pleasant, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials should be directed to the VFW, PO Box 1254, Concord, NC 28026 or the DAV, 2400 Rock Hill Church Road, Concord, NC 28027.



**THOMAS ANDREW “Tommy” “Tom” GALLIVAN, JR., D.D.S.** - Died peacefully on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in North Chittenden, Vermont at the age of 74,

surrounded by his wife and three sons. The cause of death was oral cancer. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 14, 1943 to the late Thomas Andrew Gallivan, Sr. and Helen (née Beavis) Gallivan. Dr. Gallivan - Tommy to friends and family, grew up first in the Savin Hill neighborhood of Boston and later in Milton, Massachusetts, with his beloved sisters, Pat and Jane. Tommy attended Boston College and then the Georgetown University School of Dentistry. After earning his dental degree, he served his country as a United States Army Captain in Vietnam as a dentist. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont**. Upon returning from the war, Tom and Anne married on Squam Lake in New Hampshire in 1972. They moved to Vermont, where Tom practiced dentistry and raised a family of three boys with Anne. Tom loved Vermont, its rolling green hills an echo of his ancestors' homeland of Ireland. After starting his career in dentistry, Tom took a hiatus and created a software sales business, Level One Computers. After returning to dentistry, his entrepreneurial spirit lived on as he continued to create dental education software with a New Zealand-based partner. He founded New Boston Software and saw it through to a successful exit via sale to a Canadian dental software company. After retiring, a Roadtrek RV captured his heart and allowed him, Anne and Murphy, their rescue beagle, to venture off and explore new places, including blues country, the Grand Canyon, Utah desert parks and the island of Newfoundland. The sights and people he encountered were a rich source of inspiration that fueled his longtime love of photography, and Murphy's frequent escapes on these trips provided fodder for many stories. Tommy was a lover of laughter, friends, music and family. A storyteller by nature, he eventually got to the point or punchline of most stories he told, most often after several pints and hilarious narrative detours. He was always very much his own man, a bit rebellious and a bit mischievous, but with a big heart. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Tommy is survived by his wife of 45 years, Anne (née Laverack) Gallivan, of Chittenden; son Andrew Gallivan, of Burlington; son Matt Gallivan, daughter-in-law Dana Kalish and granddaughter Louise Gallivan, of San Francisco; son Tim Gallivan-Gaertner and daughter-in-law Caitlin Gallivan-Gaertner, of Bend, Oregon; and his beloved beagle, Murphy. A celebration of Tom's life was held at Mountain Top Inn and Resort on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge. Arrangements were made under the direction of Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.



**WILLIAM C. "Bill" GARDINER** - Died Saturday, December 9, 2017 at his home in Surprise, Arizona at the age of 69, following a lengthy illness, with his loving wife by his side. The cause of death was cancer. Bill was born on September 25, 1948 in Olean, New York to the late Francis and Patricia (née Eaton) Gardiner. On Sept. 1, 1973, he married his wife of 43 years, Christine Martin, who survives. Bill graduated from Olean High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy for five years. Bill then attended Jamestown Community College to become a registered nurse, while working at WCA Hospital in Jamestown, NY. He then worked at Saint Francis Hospital, until he decided to enlist in the United States Air Force, working in VA hospitals for 11 years and becoming a Captain. Bill moved his family to Peoria, where he worked and retired as the head nurse in the VA Hospital in Phoenix. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sun City Chapter #1043**. Bill loved spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid Bills fan and liked hunting. Bill was a loving and compassionate man. He was a Christian man and a

member of the Grace in the Desert Lutheran Church. Bill donated himself to cancer research in Tucson. His life was all about helping people. Along with his loving wife, Bill is survived by two daughters, Christine (Andrew) Gonzales of Peoria and Kimberly (Gregory) Willingham of Irvington, Ky.; three grandsons, Gunner Gonzales and William and Kenneth Willingham; one granddaughter, Skyelar Gonzales, one great-granddaughter, Wynter Pelletier-Gonzales; one sister, Bonnie (Donald) Buchanan of Olean; two brothers, Thomas and Robert (Tammy) Gardiner, both of Olean; and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Bill was predeceased by a stillborn daughter, Margaret Mary Gardiner. A full military service took place on Friday, January 5, 2018 with a memorial service at the Grace in the Desert Lutheran Church, under the direction of the Abel Funeral Home in Phoenix. A Mass dedicated to Bill by the family, was held at 11:30 AM on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, 202 South Union Street, Olean, New York.



**PATRICK F. "Pat" GILSON** - Died Sunday, May 6, 2012 at his home in West De Pere, Wisconsin at the age of 56. The cause of death was cancer. Pat defied the odds and survived longer than predicted because his work here was not finished. He was born on March 10, 1956 in De Pere to Clarence "Pete" and Jean (née De Bauche) Gilson. Pat attended Saint Joseph Grade School in DePere and graduated from West DePere High School in 1974. He entered the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War from 1974 until his discharge in 1978. While serving in the Air Force Pat received the Air Force Commendation Medal. Pat continued his education in Criminal Justice at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, graduating in 1982. Upon graduation he began working with the Oshkosh City Police Department. Pat married the former Mary Brault on June 30, 1984 at Saint Willebord Catholic Church. In March of 1984 Pat began his career with the Brown County Sheriff's Department and remained with the department until his illness forced him to retire in 2011. Pat retired as a Patrol Sergeant, a position he considered to be the best job on the force because he loved working with his fellow officers. He served on the SWAT Team and the Honor Guard as well as the Snowmobile and Boat Patrol. In 1988 Pat received the Officer-of-the-Year award for his dedication and service. Pat was an instructor at NWTC in the Criminal Justice Program and their Motorcycle Safety program. He enjoyed over 25 years at Lambeau Field, protecting the players, the fans and the visiting owners box. Pat was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224** and Old Saint Joseph Parish. He was very humbled to be honored at the Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer in 2011. Pat enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the family camping trips. His pride and joy were his children, Zachary and Rachel. He is survived by his wife Mary and their two children, Zachary and Rachel, all of West DePere; his parents, Clarence "Pete" and Jean Gilson, West DePere; his brother Tom (Jane) Gilson, Osceola, WI; two nephews and a niece, Scott (Megan) Gilson, Matt (Jenna) Gilson, and Sarah (Ryan) Gilbert. He is also survived by Mary's family. He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Bill and Carol Brault. Friends visited the family the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 East Mason Street from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday. Visitation continued after 10:00 AM on Friday at Old Saint Joseph Church, on the Saint Norbert College Campus, until the time of Mass. The Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on



Friday at the church with Reverend Father Jim Baraniak, O.Praem. officiating. In lieu of floral expressions a memorial fund has been established for the children's education. Pat's family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Green Bay Oncology, especially Dr. Thomas Saphner and Ruth Bloesel, NP, the nurses and staff at Saint Mary's Hospital, the Heartland Hospice staff, especially Heidi Browne. A special thank you to Pat's sister-in-law, Sue Van Oss, for being there whenever the call was made and the many lifelong friends, neighbors and co-workers who supported them during this journey. Their prayers, care and consideration will always be remembered.



**JAMES A. "Jelly" GIZZARELLI, JR.** - Died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo, New York at the age of 75. He was a resident of Lewiston, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 10, 1942 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Vincenzo and Madeline (née Cesari) Gizzarelli. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, the United States Army and the Army National Guard of New York with a military career spanning from 1965-1985. James was retired from Harrison Radiator. He was a member of VFW Post #313, Youngstown, American Legion, Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Holy Name Society of Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish and an avid karaoke singer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. He was the husband of the late Lorraine (née House) Gizzarelli; he is survived by his children, Tammy (Robert) Latini, Brenda (Michael) Gizzarelli, Tina (David) Gizzarelli and Vincent Gizzarelli; grandfather of 25; great-grandfather of 14; his sister, Rose D'Agostino, and; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Robert Waltz; and his siblings, Joseph Cicero, Anthony (Rose) Gizzarelli and Mary (John) Telatnik. Friends came to visit the family on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at Lange Funeral Home, Inc., 186 East Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at 10:00 AM from Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish, 620 Center Street, Lewiston. The interment was in the Acacia Park Cemetery.

**HARRY J. GLASS** - Died Friday, January 20, 2017 in Camillus, New York at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 9, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. A memorial service was celebrated on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 PM in the Elbridge Community Church, 109 East Main Street, Elbridge, New York.

**GERALD L. GOLEMAN** - Died Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Largo, Florida at the age of 80. He was formerly of Seminole, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 25, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**. He is survived by his wife Vik. He will be missed by his loving family and friends. Military honors were held at Bay Pines. Sorensen Funeral Home in Saint Petersburg, Florida was in charge of the arrangements.

**NATHAN P. GOOD IRON** – Died recently in 2017 in New Town, North Dakota at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 8, 1949. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487**.

**JOHN HENRY GORDON, JR.** – Died recently in 2017 in Miamisburg, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.



**JAMES THOMAS "Jimmy" GRAPES, SR.** - Died Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Martinsburg, West Virginia VA Medical Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 28, 1949 in Cumberland to the late Floyd Thomas Grapes and Ethel (née Ketterman) Grapes. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Anna Hamer and Phyllis Smith; and his brothers, James Floyd Grapes, Robert, William L., and Dewayne Sowers. A United States Army Veteran having served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division where he served five years, six months, and 28 days, Jimmy was a former employee of Shaffer Trucking. He was a former member of the Valley Road Church of the Nazarene and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Jimmy enjoyed assembling model cars and painting statues. He was very creative and artistic. Jimmy was very giving and helped other through donations. He also helped by giving winter coats to children in need and helping those less fortunate. Jimmy loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. Jimmy is survived by his children, George Davis, James T. Grapes Jr., Fredrick Grapes, Thomas J. Grapes, Robert Grapes and wife, Melissa, Shannon Grapes, Steven A. Grapes, and Jamie L. Grapes. He also leaves behind his sisters, Bonnie Judy, Linda Mumma, Sharon Grapes, Janet Mawhinney, and Rita Crites; his brothers, Charles Grapes, Robert Grapes, and Ronald Sowers; his special nephews, Antonio M. Smith and Christopher M. Brooks; and a special great niece, Daijha Smith; as well as 21 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A funeral service was at 1:00 PM, with Denny Hockman officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard.

**GREGORY DAVID "Cowboy" "Greg" GRASS** – Died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1947 in Saint Louis. He was the beloved husband of Francesca (née Drago) Grass; dear father of John (Shannon) and James (Anne Lockard) Grass; dear grandfather of Adam, George and Samuel; our dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. Memorial visitation was at the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-8:00 PM.

A Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Church. Interment was in the JB National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter #1028, 6026 Arthur Avenue (63139) or Camp Valor Outdoors, 1527 SW 300<sup>th</sup> Road, Kingsville, MO 64061.



**DEWEY A. GREGORY** - Died Thursday, February 9, 2017 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 7, 1943 in Sumner County, Tennessee to the late Allen W. Gregory and Katherine F. (née Meador) Gregory. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Allen Gregory; his great-granddaughter, Jasmine McCormick; his brother, Donald Peyton Gregory, and; his sisters, Dorothy Brown and June Carr. He is survived by wife of 56 years, Annette (née Parker) Gregory, of Gallatin; his daughters, Lora Loraine Roberts, of Estill Springs, TN and Phyllis Elaine Stafford (Jack), of Westmoreland; his sister, Alma Frances Cherry of Gallatin; six grandchildren, Amanda Abernathy (Daniel), Erin McCormick (Shannon), Gentry Roberts, Brandon Polson (Tara), Ryan Sherron (Stephanie), and Marisa Roberts; thirteen great-grandchildren, and; his special family friend, Charlie Swaney, of Gallatin. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. The funeral service was on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM from the chapel of Family Heritage Funeral Home, with Brother Ronnie Kidd officiating. Visitation hours were on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 8:00 PM and on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. Interment was in the Crestview Memory Gardens, with Gentry Roberts, Brandon Polson, Ryan Sherron, Daniel Abernathy, Shannon McCormick, and Jacob Polson serving as pallbearers. Online condolences may be submitted at [familyheritagefh.com](http://familyheritagefh.com). Family Heritage Funeral Home were entrusted with the arrangements.



**FRANK GRAFTON GRIMES, JR.** - Died Friday, January 19, 2018 at the Carroll County Hospital Center at the age of 68. He was a resident of Woodbine, Maryland. The cause of death was coronary artery disease, hypertension and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born on July 6, 1949 in Randallstown, Maryland to the late Frank Grafton “Smokey” Grimes, Sr. and the late Teresa (née Nickoles) Grimes. Frank was the loving husband to Gaye L. (née Fleming) Grimes for 30 years. He graduated from Mount Airy High School in 1967, and then served in the United States Army from 1969-1971 with one tour of duty in Vietnam from November 1969 to November 1970. Frank worked for the State of Maryland's Division of Corrections, which he retired from in 1999. He was a member of the Mount Airy American Legion Post #191, Winfield Community Fire Department and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maryland**. He loved being outdoors, hunting, Fishing and especially playing golf. He enjoyed his cabin and property on Middle Mountain, Petersburg, WV for 32 years. Frank is also survived by his son, Frank G. Grimes III and wife Shanna; grandchildren, Noah and Claire, and his son, William R. Grimes and wife Kathy; loving brother to Buddy and wife Pam Grimes and Joe Grimes, and also survived by four nieces and three nephews. The family received friends on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from

3:00-5:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A. 1212 West Old Liberty Road, Winfield, MD, 21784 (Beside South Carroll High School), where the funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Gary Koontz of Zion Lutheran Church of Baker, WV, officiating. Interment was in the Morgan Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Morgan Chapel Cemetery, Inc. c/o Alice Scott 1725 Gillis Falls Road, Woodbine, MD 21797. Arrangements were made by the Burrier-Queen Funeral Home and Crematory, P.A.

**PATRICK WILLIAM GWOSDZ, SR.** - Died Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in El Campo, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 2, 1949 in El Campo to the late Albert and Clarice (née Wendel) Gwosdz. Patrick served in the United States Army and was the owner of Overall Plumbing. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (née Huslage) Gwosdz, of El Campo; sons, Patrick William Gwosdz, Jr. and wife Natalie. of El Campo and Mark Gwosdz and wife Cecilia, of Cypress; grandchildren, Meredith, Ryan, Jake, Matthew and Alyssa Gwosdz; sister, Linda Melancon and husband Robert of Thibodaux, LA and brother, Ronald Gwosdz and wife Renee of El Campo. Visitation hours began at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 4:00-6:00 PM. The funeral services began at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Triska Funeral Home with Reverend Rick DuBroc officiating. The burial with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post #251 was at the Garden of Memories Cemetery. The pallbearers were Brent Wigginton, Jeremy Almaguer, Jonathan Huslage, Christopher Huslage, Scooter Vaclavick and Ezequiel Almaguer, Jr. Memorial donations may be made to Houston Hospice – El Campo. The Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, Texas was in charge of the arrangements.

**DAVID WARREN HAAS** – Died Monday, January 8, 2018 in Eagle Lake, Texas at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Staples, Minnesota on September 4, 1932. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Campo Chapter #1069**.



**ROBERT D. "Bob" HALL** - Died Saturday, January 13, 2018 in Horseheads, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 23, 1946 in Elmira, New York to the late Ernest and Bertha (née Freelove) Hall. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving his country with the United States Army. He married his wife Dianne (née Dupree) Hall on September 17, 1966 and they recently celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 17, 2017. He was a member of The Clarence R. Oliver American Legion Post #154 in Elmira Heights and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #103**. Bob loved fishing, playing cards, painting and was a local musician playing in several bands. Bob retired as a Chemist for Corning, Inc. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Marjorie Ames and his brother, Richard Hall, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald J. and Eleanor H. Dupree, his brother-in-law, Donald R. Dupree and his sister-in-law, Darla Liggett. Mr. Hall is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years wife Dianne (née Dupree) Hall; his sons and

daughters-in-law, Christopher and Andrea Hall of Horseheads, NY and Marshall and Wassia Hall, of Elmira, NY; his grandchildren, Joshua, Abigail, Lindsey, Cameron, Zayden, Zha-Niyah, Zyon, Zariyah; his four-legged friends Buster and Havoc; his sisters, Delores Waters, of Horseheads, NY and Beverly Balian; his sister-in-law, Joanne (Mrs. Richard) Hall; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Sharon Nitterour, Gary and Darlene Dupree, Mariann and Steve Graley, Rick Dupree, Bonnie Barber, Carol Singer and Bill; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of caring friends including his long-time "Band Buddy" and best friends Keith and Cathy Moore. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the Lynch Funeral Home, 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, NY on Friday January 19, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. Mr. Hall's Funeral Services were held at the conclusion of calling hours at 8:00 PM where Full Military Honors were accorded. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may remember Bob through memorials to The Elmira Humane Society and ASPCA, 2435 State Route 352 , Elmira, NY 14903.

**STEPHEN B. HALSEY** – Died recently in 2017 in Penn Valley, California at the age of 69. He previously lived in Studio City, California, Pacific Palisades, California and San Marcos, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 6, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**.



**DOUGLAS ROBERT "Doug" HANDLEY** - Died Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at home in Shawnee, Kansas at the age of 69, after battling Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Doug was born in Creston, Iowa on December 19, 1947 to the late Robert and Ethel Handley of Greenfield, Iowa. He proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. After being discharged from the Army he attended and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University. He was a Special Agent for the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service from 1975-2001. In 1969 he married the love of his life, Glenda (née Carrick) Handley. They were blessed with two children, Bob Handley of Shawnee, and Shannon (Handley) Allen also of Shawnee. He has six grandchildren whom he dearly loved: Briana, Courtney, Alexis, Cameron, Braden, and Carson, and one great-grandchild Emmett. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Handley, and brother Terry Handley. Survivors include his loving wife Glenda, his children Bob (Jenny), Shannon (Clint), his mother Ethel, his brother Randall (Betty), sister Carol (Virgil), and sister-in-law Lynn. Besides his immediate family, Doug leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, and many cherished friends. Services were held on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Lenexa United Methodist Church, 9138 Caenen Lake Road, Lenexa, Kansas.



**THOMAS HARDY** – Died Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in the Hospice Care Unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest, with his loving wife, Debbie, by his side. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Union Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The cause of death was intracranial hemorrhage, hemorrhage conversion of the right middle cerebral artery infarction, thromboembolic right middle cerebral artery infarction and atrial fibrillation. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 27, 1947 to the late Redith Louise (née Blevins) Wilksker. Tom first lived in Tarrytown, NY and was then raised in the South Bronx, NY. He had lived most of his adult life in the North Plainfield, New Jersey area before moving to Union Township seventeen years ago. A United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, Tom faithfully and proudly served his country from 1966 to 1970, whereupon he was honorably discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452** and has always fought for better treatment of veterans and their families. Tom, along with his wife, owned and operated Travel Time Limousine, Hampton, NJ for many years. He was a favorite driver for many of his customers, as he always had a story to tell to make anyone's day just a little bit better. He was known for his humor, honesty and integrity, and always made certain his clients' needs were not only met but exceeded. This integrity was passed on by Tom to his children, who fondly recall him as being an amazing advisor on almost every matter that one could encounter in life. He was eager to teach, and the lessons he taught about putting others first, assisting family however one could, and simply being a decent human being, are lessons that will not soon be forgotten. A fisherman who found tranquility sitting on a boat fishing at Spruce Run, Tom also loved gardening, both vegetable and floral, and almost anything outdoors. He loved traveling and Aruba was his go-to spot. Sadly, he was scheduled to leave for Aruba several days after his sudden illness, but all his friends on the Island will surely celebrate in his honor, as Tom was always the life of any party and would not want anyone to spend too many hours shedding tears over his death. He would much rather them spend it telling "Tom stories" and just laughing and enjoying life. Though Tom's illness struck rapidly, it did not steal the ability for Tom to give of himself even in death. Through the 'gift of sight', Tom's cornea's will allow someone to see again. The most selfless gift one could give; and that describes Tom perfectly. "Peanut Butter & Jelly" is how several people describe the love between Tom and his wife of thirty-three years, Debbie...they simply just go together! The two, married in the Chatham United Methodist Church on October 27, 1984, were not only business partners and husband and wife, but true-life partners in every sense. They shared a deep connection that will forever be admired by all those who knew them. In addition to his mother, Tom was preceded in death by an infant son, Logan Hardy in 1988, and two brothers, Stephen Hardy and Harry Wilksker. Surviving are his wife, Debra Giangrande Hardy; three sons, Todd Thomas Hardy of Le Sueur, MN, Dylan Thomas Hardy of Santa Fe, NM and Tyler Thomas Hardy and his longtime partner, Emily Fischbach of Ocean Springs, MS; a sister, Louise and her husband, Bill Graham; two brothers, Ted and his wife, Diane Pedersen and Jerry and his husband, Gary Pedersen; a sister-in-law, Marilyn and her husband, Bill Callow; several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended

family; and many friends. Military Honors followed by a celebration of Tom's life took place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Chapel of Wright and Ford Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 38 State Highway 31, Flemington, NJ 08822. Family and friends were received on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the funeral home. Cremation was private at Somerset Hills Memorial Park Crematory, Basking Ridge, NJ. Please visit Tom's permanent memorial site at [www.wrightfamily.com](http://www.wrightfamily.com) to leave a public or private message of condolence and words of comfort, as well as to share stories and photographs of his life. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to contribute are asked to do so to the "*Hardy Memorial Funeral Fund*" to assist with medical and final expenses. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. For those wishing to still send something to the funeral home, a plant that can be replanted would be most appreciated by the family.



**LEE ALBERT HAYES** - Died Saturday, October 28, 2017 at his residence in Benson, North Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 22, 1946 in Dunn, North Carolina to the late Alton Lee Hayes and Ruby Lee Hayes McLeod. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Johnathan Lee Norris and his sisters, Wilma Jean Hayes and Judy Hayes Lee. Mr. Hayes retired from the North Carolina Department of Corrections after over 30 years of service. He was a United States Army veteran serving in the Vietnam War and was awarded a lifetime membership to the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Hayes was a member of the American Legion Banner Post #109 in Benson, *Life Member* of both **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990** and Disabled American Veterans. He also served as a captain of the Benson Rescue Squad. Mr. Hayes was a member of Hood's Grove Baptist Church where he served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, teacher and sang in the choir. Surviving are wife of 49 years, Jeanne Parker Hayes of Benson; Daughters and sons-in-law, Clarise H. and Leroy Norris, Jr. of Benson, Julie H. and Chris Olive of Benson, Connie and Travis Lassiter of Four Oaks; son, Rodney and Renee Hayes of Benson; six grandchildren, Hunter Hayes and wife, Lindsey, Cassidy Hayes, Justin Norris and Tiffany Massengill, Destiny Norris and Brandon McLamb, Paul Olive, Anna Olive; step-grandchildren, Lesley Rhodes, Garrett Rhodes, Kori Hamilton; great-grandchildren, Laysen, River, Lucas; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobbie H. and Bruce Blackmon of Newton Grove, Kay H. and Shelton Mitchell of Princeton, Linda H. and Charlie Mitchell of Princeton; Brenda H. Stewart of Meadow, Ann H. and Stacy Parker of Four Oaks, Sue and Myron Massengill of Meadow, Gwen H. and Jeffery Lee of Meadow, Wenn H. and Doc Mitchell of Princeton; Faye and Max Johnson of Four Oaks; numerous nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the Rose and Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating were the Reverends C. H. Lee, Bill West, and Dwight Braswell. The burial was in Hood's Grove Baptist Church in Newton Grove with military honors. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to Hood's Grove Baptist Church c/o Travis Hudson, 3739 Meadowbrook Road, Newton Grove, NC 28366;

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #990, Johnston County DAV Chapter #55, P.O. Box 1246, Four Oaks, NC 27524; or Transitions Lifecare 250 Hospice Circle Raleigh, NC 27607.

**ROBERT ELMER HEDRICK, SR.** (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the Kensington Manor at the age of 85, surrounded by loved ones. He was a resident of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, acute stroke, dementia and Parkinson's disease. He was born in Churchville, Virginia on October 9, 1931 to the late Leonard and Betty Jane (née Puffenbarger) Hedrick. He was a 30-year retiree of the United States Army. He was a recipient of the Silver Star for valor, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Mr. Hedrick was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Morrison Masonic Lodge, and Vine Grove VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**. He was preceded in death by his mother and father Leonard and Betty Jane Hedrick, five brothers, Tommy, James, Warren, Fred and Bill Hedrick, five sisters, Cora, Viola, and Rebecca Hedrick, Ida Belle Vandevander, and Lizetta Sponaugle, a son Stanley Hedrick and a grandson Bud Biggs. He is survived by his loving and supportive wife of over 34 years, asdna Louise Hedrick (Gray), sister Alice Johnson, brothers Leonard June (Bonnie) and Luther Hedrick, children Robert Hedrick, Jr. (Beverly), Betty Etherton (Mitchell), Joann Hedrick (Michael), and Les Hedrick (Barb), stepchildren, Debi Barnes, Sherrill Archibald (Alan), Richard Barnes (Rhonda), and Carol Cecil (David) also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The funeral was on Monday at 11:00 AM at the Brown Funeral Home with Reverend Tom Wicker officiating. Burial with military honors was in the Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens. Visitation hours were from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday and continued after 9:00 AM on Monday at the funeral home. There was a Masonic Service and a Purple Heart Service at 5:30 PM at the funeral home.



**MICHAEL GEORGE HELLIWELL** - Died Sunday, August 13, 2017 in Rutherford, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on February 13, 1945. He served in the United States Army from June 22, 1967 to January 23, 1969. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam during the war. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Calhoun Mania Funeral Home, 19 Lincoln Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey.

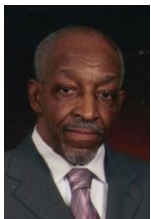
**FRANCISCO XAVIER HERNANDEZ** – Died Friday, July 21, 2017 in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 18, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese (Illinois) Chapter #269**.





**DAVID BERNARD "Dave" HOLSINGER** – Died Saturday, November 25, 2017 in Lavale, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 17, 1954 to the late Anna (née Bertha) Clise and Gordon Holsinger. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Amelia Turner; and a father-in-law, Donald H. Michael. Dave was a 1972 graduate of Beall High School and then served in the United States Marine Corps from 1972-1974. He was employed by Winner Brothers Coal, Knobley Mountain Hauling, and EZ Out Tree Experts. Dave was a proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. David is survived by his wife, Terri Holsinger; and his stepdaughter, Ashley Chucci and husband, Michael, and their daughter, Mandy; and his K9s, Charlie and Jaxson. Also surviving are his sisters, Rhonda Johnson, Brenda Williams, and Kathy DeCesare; his brother, William Holsinger; his brother-in-law, Jerry Michael; and his mother-in-law, JoAnn Michael. Dave is also survived by his nieces, Ashley and Heather Johnson, Trista Turner, Jennifer Shores, Hannah DeCesare, and Jessica Carr; and his nephews, Andy and Jeff Holsinger; Jason Turner, Robert Williams, Logan, Austin, and Tyler Michael. A committal service was conducted at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM with Joe Rank officiating. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard. A special thank you to his sister, Rhonda, for her constant love and care, and to Morgan and the WMHS Home Hospice Unit. Your presence we miss, your memories we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) was in charge of the arrangements.

**WOODROW W. HORNE, JR.** - Died Saturday, December 30, 2017 in Chesterfield, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 27, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Visitation hours were from 2:30 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the Gendernalik Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 5, 2018 in the funeral home.



**JAMES L. HOWARD, SR.** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 20, 1930 to the late Willie and Molissa Howard. He was a member of Wesley Union AME Zion Church. James retired from the United States Army as a Master Sergeant after 25 years of honorable service and was a Supervisor for the Dauphin County Woodside Detention Center. He was a member of several organizations, including Elks Cyrene Lodge #169 where he served as Trustee and Chaplain, the Antler Guard Past Commander, Commander of Military Police Unit

#1806, American Legion Post #733 where he served as Past Commander, Past Senior Vice Commander, Chaplain, and Drill Master for the Youth Soul Steppers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. He is survived by his devoted wife, Shirelene (née Bratcher) Howard; children, Beverly and James, Jr. (Nikki) Howard, Jewel Jones-Fulp (Randy, Sr.), Lori Bratcher, Timothy Cox; his sister, Etta McCallum; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and; a host of relatives and friends.



**WALTER COLISTER JONES, SR.** – Died Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Tarboro, North Carolina at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 15, 1945. Jones, Jr. (Phyllis), of Aulander, NC; a daughter, Felicia N. Simmons (Philip), of Crofton MD; six grandchildren, Zaavon Jones, Julian Jones, Zion Jones, Azana Jones, Philip Simmons and Sarai Simmons; one sister, Lena Jones, Tarboro, NC; a brother, William E. Jones (Janie), of Forestville, MD, and; a sister-in-law, Ethel Ruth Jones, Tarboro, NC. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. A viewing was held on Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Dickens Funeral Service, Inc. and a wake from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Whites Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Speed, NC. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Whites Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Tommy King officiating. These services have been entrusted to Dickens Funeral Service Inc. of Tarboro, NC.



**SALVADORE J. "Sam" JUNDA, SR.** - Died Saturday, December 2, 2017 in Metairie, Louisiana at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 17, 1936 to the late Samuel and Dorothy "Dot" Junda. He was the beloved husband of Deborah (née Geoghegan) Junda for 41 years; father of Sal Junda, Jr., Tina Junda Wuertz (husband, Clifford, Sr.) and the late Charles "Chucky" Junda; grandfather of Clifford and Clinton Wuertz, Sal and Justin Junda, Tony and Shane Raines and Jamie Junda; brother of Doris Deckwa (husband, Bill) and Patricia "Pat" Tenhundfeld; former husband of the late Marilyn Grazziano, and; also survived by a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Mr. Junda retired from Kaiser Aluminum in Chalmette. He was a Seabee in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War, serving two tours, a member of VFW Post #15019, American Legion Post #383 and a former Shriner and Mason. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Mr. Junda enjoyed going to flea markets and antiquing. He loved to travel, especially to the New England States and he enjoyed dining out at restaurants. He will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives he touched. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the memorial gathering at the Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home, 4747 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, near Clearview Parkway, in Metairie, LA on Saturday, December 9, 2017 beginning at 11:00 AM with a Requiem Mass that followed at 1:00 PM in the Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home's chapel. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

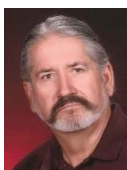


**LEE D. "Sonny" KAUFFMAN** - Died Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Rochester, New York at the age 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 1, 1928 to the late David and Evelyn (née Goldman) Kauffman. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters, Selma Lansky and Faye Casey. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Daniel Casey; his niece, Leigh Casey; his nephew, David Casey; his cousins, Audrey Bernhard, Jane Cole and Robert Cole, and; many other dear friends and relatives. Lee was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps at the close of WWII and during the Korean War. He served honorably from 1947 - 1949 in Northern China. Lee was a commercial rated pilot and retired from Eastman Kodak's Aviation Department in 1991 as an aircraft technician. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family and friends visited at the Brighton Memorial Chapel, 3325 Winton Road South on Monday, January 8, 2018 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. The Interment was private. Donations may be made to the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm or JAZZ 90.1 in Lee's memory.



**DENNIS KEEFFE** - Died Monday, November 6, 2017 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in San Francisco, California on September 20, 1945 to the late Richard and Jean Keeffe. Dennis was also preceded in death by his wife, Karin Ann Keefe and his grandparents, Minnie and Harry B. Fetch. He is survived by his daughter Danielle Keeffe Scarrott, cousins Dolores (Bob) Evans, Joan Johnson, Kristen Caudel, Scott and Matthew Evans, Mike and Rick Cawthon. Dennis served in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. He was also very active in the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood Association. In his youth he was a proud member of the Champion Marching Band. He was an avid camper, hunter, fisherman and golfer. Dennis will be missed by longtime friends Jean and Richard Savala, Tim Migliacci, Dennis Laurence, Larry Kozlowski, Tony Cole, Bob Adair, Terry Newhart, Charles Peltier and Misty Clontz. A brief military service was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon. There was a celebration of Dennis' life on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at his home.

**LAWRENCE KELLER** – Died recently in 2017 in Harvest, Alabama at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**.



**MICHAEL LEO "Mike" KELLY** - Died Friday, August 11, 2017 at Sanford Health in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 69, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a resident of Oakes, North Dakota. Mike was born the third of ten children on December 21, 1947 in Guelph, North Dakota to the late Francis and Lucille (née German) Kelly on December 21, 1947. He attended grade school in Guelph, Glover

and Saint Charles Catholic School. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1966. Mike was drafted into the United States Army in 1967 and served in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in May 1969. Mike married Betty Oster on June 7, 1969. They moved to San Bernardino, CA, where he worked for Hobart Manufacturing repairing industrial appliances. While living in California, their first two children were born, Jake and Angela. In 1974, they moved back to Oakes, where two more children were born, Michele and Patrick. Mike was employed by James Valley Electric and Polar Gas before being hired at Harris Construction. Mike purchased the construction company in 1987, now known as Dakota Improvement, Inc., which he operated until the time of his death. The family business will continue under the direction of Jake and Patrick. Motorcycling was Mike's passion. He organized many trips to Sturgis and fulfilled his dream of riding through every state (except Hawaii). His Harley took him to Alaska twice, his favorite of all the journeys. Mike loved to build, repair, and restore hot rod cars. He was a member of the Hi-Way Rollers Car Club. Mike was also a member of Saint. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, NRA, Ludden Sportsmen's Club, Associated General Contractors of ND, and Oakes Bean-Goodwin Legion Post #36 where he had served as Post Commander and a member of the firing squad. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Mike is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty; children Jake (Becky) Kelly, Angela Kelly Steinbach, Michele (Kevin) Rodine, Patrick (Toni) Kelly; grandchildren Cole, Michael, Jordyn Kelly, Callie, Easton, Sydney Steinbach, Megan, Dylan, Lauren, Erin, Peyton Rodine; siblings Patrick (Donna) Kelly, Tim (Terri) Kelly, Cathy (Richard) Iverson, Joseph (Kathy) Kelly, Thomas (Vickie) Kelly, Robert (Karen) Kelly, Mary (Jeff) Lystad, Therese (Randy) McCormick; and sisters-in-law Marion (Gene) Sikora and Sherry (Rick) Smith. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother George, in-laws Arnold & Dorothy Oster and Alice and Stan Cich, and brother-in-law Jonathan Oster. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM with a prayer service starting at 8:00 PM at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Oakes. The Funeral Mass was on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the church, followed by burial at Saint Charles Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be directed toward the American Legion Baseball program in Oakes.



**LARRY DALE KILGORE** – Died Monday, January 8, 2018 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan on February 2, 2018 to the late Merlin Kilgore and Myrtle Kilgore. He was the beloved husband of Jerry L. and loving father of Noel Lancaster and Amber (Marcel) Zemp; dear brother of Gary (Karen). Larry proudly served our great nation as a United States Navy-Aviation Storekeeper. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from EMU and worked as a comptroller at Unistrut Detroit for over 30 years. Besides being an avid reader (especially enjoying detective stories, mystery and suspense), Larry spent time hunting, golfing and bowling (in his younger years). He was once on TV in a bowling competition and years later bowled a 300 game. His more recent hobbies were

billiards, horseshoes and participation in the Plymouth Chapter of his VFW Post #6695. Larry loved the Detroit Tigers as well as the Lions and University of Michigan football. Friends joined the family for a time of Memorial Visitation on Saturday at 10:00 AM in the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (West of Lilley Road) until the Memorial Service at 11:00 AM complete with military honors for his service in the US Navy. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #6695 Building Fund, 1426 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**JOHN J. KLING** - Died Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 95. He was formerly a resident of Ormond Beach, Florida. He was born on September 1, 1921. He was a former importer and exporter. He was a veteran of the Armed Forces. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**.



**THEODORE HILLIARD "Ted" KNIGHT** - Died Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in Richmond, Kentucky at the age of 73. The cause of death was Diabetes, liver failure, organ failure. He was born in Freer, Texas on December 19, 1943 to the late Edward and Edith (née Novella) Knight. He is survived by his wife, Frances (King) Knight; daughter Tammy Winburn of Richmond, KY; son Donald (Sonja) Knight of Anderson, Ind.; grandchildren Nikki Winburn, Cassie Winburn of Georgetown, KY and Logan Knight of Anderson, Ind.; great-grandchild Chloe Winburn of Georgetown, KY and many loving nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Edith (Novella) Knight; sisters Edith Martin, Evelyn Ball and Betty Hunt and brother Jack Edward Knight. Ted lived a full life having earned his BA at the age of 70 in Electrical Engineering. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed hunting, woodworking and golf but mostly loved being a grandpa. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Big Hill Chapter #1066**. His son, Don Knight offered this: Thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for my family this week. Here is one of my favorite pictures of my dad. I took it on a camping and fishing trip on Elkhorn Creek. He is leaning on a trailer taking a break after setting up camp. A trailer he built himself, because why not, he could seemingly build or fix anything. Like that time, he helped me rebuild my car after I crashed it. Notice no tent poles for the tarp; he used sticks and tree trunks. He taught me how to tie knots, but I was never as good at it as he was. My favorite memory from this trip was walking back to camp after fishing downstream with Clay Steres and hearing childish laughter only to find our dad jumping into the creek off a rope swing and having a ball. Grown men acting like a couple kids, brings a smile to my face to this day. He died on Logan's birthday, but we are not remembering the day he died, we are going to remember all the days he lived. And I'm going to cherish all the lessons he taught me and especially all those fishing trips. There was a visitation from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tuesday on November 28, 2017 at the True-Life

Church on Kingston Road. The service was held at 1:00 PM and the burial was at Camp Nelson at 2:30 PM.



**PETER WHITBECK KNIGHTES** - Died Sunday, January 7, 2018, at a Temple hospital at the age of 71. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born on March 14, 1946, in Troy, New York to the late Arthur and Farine Knightes. He graduated from high school in 1963, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, N.Y., in 1967, and earned a Master of Arts degree from Texas A&M. He taught at Bainbridge-Guilford High School, taught for KISD, and Central Texas College, from which he retired as professor emeritus. He served in the United States Army and worked for a time for the New York State Geological Department. He reviewed geology text books for a publishing company, was invited twice to speak at Oxford University in England and served on the board that developed the National Science curriculum. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda (née Bradish) Knightes; his three sons, Geoffrey, Justin (Beth), and Nathaniel (Amber); and six grandchildren. A reception honoring the memory of Peter Knightes, was on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Central Texas College Planetarium building.

**ROBERT S. KRAMARZ** - Died Monday, January 18, 2016 in Coulterville, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He is survived by his wife, Mary. The arrangements were made by the Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel, Inc., 419 Scenic Drive, Modesto, California.



**RAYMOND EDWARD LACKS, JR.** - Died Saturday, December 31, 2016 in Chase City, Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 3, 1949 to the late Raymond Edward Lacks, Sr. and Charleen (née Hatcher) Lacks. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of American Legion Post #43. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. Surviving are his sisters, Linda Carter and husband Charles, Margaret Flynn and husband Randolph, Mary Dawson, all of Chase City, and Anna Rogers of Broadnax; special caregivers, Dana Flynn and Jay Edmunds, and; his companion, Donna Smith. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, with Reverend Woody Moore officiating. The family received friends from 6:00- 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the Wood Funeral Service. Memorial Contributions may be made to Chase City Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 595, Chase City, VA 23924 or the Chase City Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 81, Chase City, VA 23924. Wood Funeral Service was in charge of the arrangements.



**WILLIAM LYNDALE "Lyn" LEACH** - Died Friday, January 12, 2018 in Russellville, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on July 2, 1948 to the late Burt and Gladys Leach. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He worked at American Enka, IPI, and retired from Galbraith Laboratories as a Poly Chemist. He was a member of First Baptist Church, F&AM Lodge #767, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073** and enjoyed coaching and watching soccer. Lyn had a wonderful disposition, he never met a stranger, and always saw the glass as half full. He was a loving Husband, a wonderful "Pop", and proud owner of four fur babies. Survivors include his wife of 17 years Sandra Leach; his children, Jeremy (Amber) Leach, Travis (Erica) Henegar, Traci Henegar, Kimberly (Ben) Helton, and Barbara (Dana) Thompson; his grandchildren, Anna Beth, Claire, Jonam, Abigail, Alexandra, Anson, Jaylen, Isabella, Elijah, Landon, Katelyn, Emma, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Daniel. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the East Chapel of the Allen Funeral Home. Masonic services conducted by F&AM Lodge #767 was at 7:00 PM, with the funeral service following with the Reverend Danny Georges officiating. Family and friends met at 10:30 AM on January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Mountain Home National Cemetery, 53 Memorial Avenue, Mountain Home, TN 37684 for a 10:45 AM Military Graveside service and committal.



**JERRY ROBERT LEE** - Died Wednesday, August 17, 2016 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 17, 1944 in a log cabin outside of Asheville in Buncombe County, North Carolina to the late Acy Robert Lee and Evelyn (née Sluder) Lee. He moved to Grimesland around the age of 13 and after graduating from Grimesland High School in 1962, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy J. Hardee, in January of 1964. Jerry joined the **United States Navy** for 10 years where he served in Vietnam with Mobile Riverine Taskforce 117 in the Mekong Delta in 1969 and at two shore stations - US Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA and US Naval Schools Command (Radioman Class "A" School Staff), Bainbridge, MD and entered back into civilian life as a Law Enforcement Officer, serving in both Greenville and Fountain before retiring as a Detective Sergeant after having served 15 years in Farmville in 1998. He also worked security in the Emergency Room at Pitt County Memorial Hospital for 20 years. Jerry was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272** where he served as President from 1998-2003. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy Hardee Lee; his brother, Larry David Lee; his sister, Lillian "Sis" Holloman; and his half-brothers, Joseph Bryan Lee and Acy Robert Lee, Jr. He is survived by his four sons, Greg Lee and Gary Lee of the home, Brian Lee and wife, Amy, of Farmville, and Mark Lee, of Wilmington; three grandchildren, Kristina, Noah and AnnaDrew; and many nieces and nephews. A graveside service was conducted on Sunday at 4:00 PM in the

Pinewood Memorial Park. The family received friends at the Wilkerson Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.



**JULIUS HENRY LeFEVERE** - Died Monday, March 20, 2017 in Marysville, Michigan at the age of 83. The cause of death was aspiration pneumonia, dementia and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born December 12, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Julius LeFevere and Rosette LeFevere-Ermgodts. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepfather, Hector Ermgodts and his sister, Shirley Dodd. He married Barbara Ann Furmack on February 20, 1954 in Detroit. She died May 6, 1987. He married Lucille Marie Woods on October 17, 1987 in Port Huron. Mr. LeFevere served 22 years in the United States Air Force, including a tour in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He also worked for the Michigan Employment Security Commission for 20 years, specializing in job placement for veterans. He coached Little League baseball and was an avid Tigers fan. Julius and Lucille enjoyed traveling, camping, bowling and the casinos. He loved watching his grandkids play and adored his dog, Snickers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marysville Chapter #1083**. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Lucille; five children, Michael (Dawn) LeFevere, Nancy (David) Klei, Theresa (Larry) Skotzke, Brenda (Terry) Wright and Walter Woods, Jr.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Thomas (Linda) Ermgodts; a sister, Mary Dale; a brother-in-law, Bill Dodd; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation hours were from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday in the Pollock-Randall Funeral Home. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 24, 2017 in the Pollock-Randall Funeral Home. The Reverend James Arwady officiated. Military honors were conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Air Force and the Saint Clair County Allied Veterans Honor Guard. The burial was in the Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Peck, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Water Area Humane Society.



**KENNETH EARL LEIDNER** – Died Tuesday, December 19, 2017 in Deering, New Hampshire at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1951. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41**. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; his sister, Jane Besz and many family members and friends. The Holt-Woodbury Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hillsboro, New Hampshire was in charge of all the arrangements.





**DANIEL "Dan" SAMTER LEVY** (USA, SSG-Ret.) – Died peacefully at his home in Flourtown, Pennsylvania on Friday, December 29, 2017 at the age of 68 after a sudden illness. The cause of death is unknown. Dan, as he was known by all, was born on December 4, 1949 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Richard Langsdorf Levy, Esq. and Suzanne (née Samter) Levy. Always kind, good-hearted, and persistently positive, Dan was loved by all who knew him. An accomplished and avid athlete, Dan grew up in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia. He was a graduate of Roxborough High School and Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences (now Jefferson University). Dan served in the United States Army for 21 years, stationed throughout the country and around the world. After his retirement from the Army, Dan remained active and committed to various veterans' organizations and church groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. Giving back to those less fortunate was part of Dan's everyday routine. He was a volunteer at the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard in Ambler, PA., twice a week for the past ten years and he participated in various food donation programs at the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. Never one to rest on his own laurels, Dan also spent summers working as a camp counselor at the Water Tower Recreation Center in Chestnut Hill. Dan's deep faith was the fulcrum of his life. He belonged to the congregations of Cornerstone Church of Skippack, Rock of Israel and Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Dan's dedication to his faith also led him to mission service in Brazil and Greece. He is survived by his brother, William R. Levy, his sister-in-law, Rhonda Jones Levy, his niece, Britt Jones Levy, his nephew, Thomas R. Levy and his first cousins, Wendy Samter, Jill S. Glazer and David A. Thanhauser. The Levy family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the staffs of the Critical Care Unit of Pennsylvania Hospital, Bayada Home Healthcare and the Pennsylvania Wissahickon Hospice. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard, 150 North Main Street, P.O. Box 367, Ambler PA 19002 or the Ronald McDonald House, 3925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. A Military Honors and Burial Service was held at 11:30 AM on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940. After the ceremony, friends and family were invited to a luncheon and celebration of Dan's life at the Washington Crossing Inn, 1295 General Washington Memorial Boulevard, Washington Crossing, PA 18977.



**CHARLES STEVEN LEWIS, SR.** - Died Thursday, January 10, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri, at the age of 69 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was a resident of Dittmer, Missouri. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born on June 17, 1948 in Saint Charles, Missouri to the late Jess and Nora (née Guthrie) Lewis. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased two brothers, Jess Lewis and Richard Lewis. He is survived by

his loving wife JoAnn (née Abram) Lewis; one son, Charles Steven (Laura Seger) Lewis, Jr.; four grandchildren, Nora, Elaina, Fiona and Ilsa; one sister, Betty (the late Lawrence) Lester, and; many other family and friends. Charles was in the United States Army Airborne, was a member of the Cedar Hill Elks Lodge and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028** in Fenton, Missouri. He enjoyed babysitting his four granddaughters and restoring old trucks like his 1955 International. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation hours were on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 AM until time of service at 2:00 PM at the Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, Missouri. Interment was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation 1001 Craig Road, Suite #480, Saint Louis, Missouri 63146.



**HERBERT WAYNE LIPPERDT** - Died in his home in Columbus, Texas on January 10, 2017 at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 24, 1943 in Wharton, Texas to the late Herbert August Lipperdt and Mary (née Hutchins) Lipperdt. He was united in marriage to Linda Sue Sillavan on June 20, 1965. He was raised in Columbus, Texas and attended Columbus schools where he was a standout football player, receiving numerous honors for his accomplishments on the field. After high school, he was drafted into the United States Army and served one tour of duty in Vietnam before being honorably discharged in 1967. After returning home, he moved to Lake Jackson, Texas with his wife and son to work for Dow Chemical. He settled in Eagle Lake, Texas in 1971 where he was an established business owner / operator of a full-service station for over 26 years. He moved back to Columbus in 2003 to help care for his mother-in-law. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas Chapter #1127**. He will be remembered by friends and family as a caring and loving person with a great sense of humor. As an employer, he touched the lives of many by instilling a strong and fair work ethic and offering words of wisdom and guidance for all of those that worked for him. He was a man that could build or repair nearly anything. He enjoyed being outside, especially his time spent at the Camphouse. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his in-laws Hollis and Sadie Sillavan. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda; three children, Jeffery and his wife Melissa, of Katy, TX, Elizabeth “Beth”, of Columbus, TX, and Glenn and his wife Tracy, of Keller, TX; grandchildren, Michael, Veronica, Tyler, Parker, Dylan, and Johnathon; great-grandchildren, M.J., Dylan, Miranda, and Michael, Jr.; his sister, Linda Ballard and husband Vic, of Columbus; his aunt and godmother, Elbertha “Birdie” Hohlt, of Columbus, and; a host of nieces, nephews, and other family. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Brenda Jones, her grandsons Jacob and Jalen, Mary Nightingale, and the host of others that helped provide care for Wayne and our family during the past several months. We would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts during the last 3 years. A celebration of life ceremony was held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Columbus. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Grandson Parker Lipperdt’s Mission

Trip - The Met Church – Uganda Mission Trip 2017, 11301 North Riverside Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76244 or to the First Baptist Church of Columbus Mission Trips, 1700 Milam Street, Columbus, TX 78934.



**SALVATORE "Sal" LoSAURO** - Died peacefully Sunday, December 3, 2017 at his home in Rutherford, New Jersey at the age of 74, surrounded by his devoted family. The cause of death was a blood disorder. He was born in Sperlinga, Sicily, Italy on March 3, 1943 to the late Giuseppe and Giuseppa LoSauro. Sal and his wife, Phyllis, settled in Rutherford in 1976 where they raised their family and recently celebrated 50 years of marriage together. Salvatore was a proud United States Army Veteran who served as a paratrooper in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam before being honorably discharged after suffering a service-connected spinal cord injury. He served from May 7, 1965 to March 28, 1967. Later, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from NJIT and worked as a civil engineer for many years at several companies before spending 20 years at the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development as the Veteran's Services Supervisor until retirement in 2013. From 1995-96, he served as the NJ State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and was also a lifetime member of the Bergen County DAV Chapter 15 in Little Ferry, serving as their commander for many years, as well as their treasurer for several years. Salvatore was also the co-founder and treasurer of the New Jersey Association of Veterans Service Officers for over 20 years and served on the Veteran's Advisory Committee at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. He spent a great deal of his time working tirelessly on behalf of veterans and touched the lives of many people through his dedication. As proud as he was of being a veteran, he was most proud of his three children and seven grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all of them, including his devoted wife, Phyllis (née Cappola); his loving children, Joseph and his wife Jeri, Salvatore and his wife Doreen, Gina and her husband Eric; as well as his grandchildren, Salvatore Rocco, Nicole, Joseph, Salvatore Anthony, Dominic, Bryce, and Brooks. He is predeceased by his brother, Placido LoSauro, and is survived by his siblings, his sister, Mimma Turco, of Woodcliff Lake, NJ and his brother, Guy LoSauro, of Upper Saddle River. The family received friends and loved ones on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Calhoun-Mania Funeral Home, 19 Lincoln Avenue, Rutherford. The funeral was held on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and from funeral home for the 9:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of Saint Mary, Rutherford. Entombment was in the Holy Cross Mausoleum, North Arlington. In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate donations to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus, 1 Veterans Drive, Paramus, NJ 07652.



**MARION BARNES LUSSIER** – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Lincoln, Rhode Island at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on April 23, 1945 in Central Falls, Rhode Island to the late George and Valeda (née Roberge) Munson. She was the wife of Armand A. Lussier. Survivors in addition to her husband are two sons, Alan Barnes of Johnston and Michael Barnes of Lincoln, and a daughter Jacqueline (Jackie) Lussier of Petaluma, CA., and five grandchildren. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter (Lincoln) #818**. Marion has been a self-employed travel agent for over twenty-three years and loved to cruise. In addition, she was a licensed real estate agent, Shaklee Products Supervisor and Coordinator and notary public. She also contributed her time as a Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Troop Leader, and Religious Education (CCD) teacher. Most importantly, she was an excellent mother and loving wife. She is often recognized, even after 50 years, as the red-headed majorette and baton twirler for the Notre Dame Marching Band from Central Falls who had won numerous awards and medals for her skill. The wake was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Lincoln Funeral Home at 1501 Lonsdale Avenue, Lincoln, RI. The Mass of Christian Burial was on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Saint Ambrose Church at 191 School Street in Lincoln (Albion), RI. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Marion's name to the Gloria Gemma Foundation. They have been a great source of comfort and assistance.

**NATHANIEL FREEMAN MAGRUDER, SR.** – Died Friday, November 27, 2015 in Gaithersburg, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 12, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Patricia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland*.

**FRANK J. MARCINIAK** - Died Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Blasdell, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1947. He was the beloved husband of the late Phyllis (née Jaromin) Marciniak; loving father of Edward (Tandy) Cosnyka, Lynne Tornambe, Thomas (Wendy) Cosnyka, Diane (Robert Watroba) Cosnyka, Suzanne (Scott) Savoie, Christine (Larry) Ljungberg, and Steven Cosnyka; cherished grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also survived by relatives and friends. The family and friends were present for a Memorial Gathering on Saturday, January 20th from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the (Blasdell/Lackawanna Chapel) John J. Kaczor Funeral Home, Inc., 3450 South Park Avenue, and where a Memorial Service followed at 1:00 PM. Private Inurnment took place in the Lakeside Cemetery Field of Valor. Frank was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, a Volunteer at the VA Medical Center for more than 29 years, and a DAV and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77* and a Member of VFW Post #1419. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VA Volunteer Services. "In my time here, I hope I have helped a few people along the way."



**WESLEY RONALD "Ron" MARTIN** - Died Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Fair Oaks Hospital at the age of 71, with family by his side. He was a resident of Centreville, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 1, 1946 in Vienna, Virginia to the late Wesley Raymond (deceased), and Shirley Anne (née Waggoner) Martin of Vienna, VA. He was the beloved husband of Brenda L. Martin; and loving father of Sean Wesley Martin. He is

also survived by his sister, June E. Martin of Manassas, VA; his brothers, Michael (Carol), of Fairfax, VA, Timothy Martin (Maria), of Eugene, OR; his sisters-in-law, Martha A. Long, Dorothy Teates and Janet Teates; his brothers-in-law, Malcolm Long, Cecil Teates (deceased), Thomas Teates (deceased) and Roger Teates, and; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Martin was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army from January 1969 until November 1971, attached to the M.U.S.T. Engineers (Medical Unit Self Contained Transportable), where he was the M.U.S.T. Utility Element Specialist operating and maintaining the gas turbine engines that inflated the portable field hospitals. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. An avid space enthusiast, he spent 25 + years as a NASA contractor. Ron managed the development of hardware ranging from printed circuit boards to harnesses to electronic subsystems for satellites that helped humanity gain new knowledge of the Earth, Sun, and moon, the solar system, and the universe. He supported missions including SAMPEX that studied space weather; SMAP which measures the Earth's soil moisture content from space; OSIRIS-REx which is on its way to retrieve samples from Asteroid Bennu; the Hubble Space telescope, which continues to give us new views of the universe and its successor the James Webb Space Telescope which will launch in 2018. He also managed personnel in the Radiation Effect Analysis Group, who performed testing and analysis investigating the effects of radiation on electronics and photonics. His wide-ranging experience gave him a unique perspective on every aspect of electrical systems development. His willingness to share the lessons he had learned made him an invaluable mentor to people throughout the NASA community. He will be remembered for his humor, quick wit, intelligence and his musical talents of harmonica, guitar and singing. The family received friends on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 AM. until the service at 11:00 A at the Money and King Funeral Home, 171 West Maple Avenue, Vienna, VA 22180. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, American Brain Tumor Association or a charity of your own choice. The family received friends on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 AM until services at 11:00 AM at the Money and King Funeral Home, 171 West Maple Avenue, Vienna, VA 22180. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, American Brain Tumor Association or a charity of your own choice.

**KENNETH MASON** – Died Sunday February 04, 2018, at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi at the age of 67. He was a resident of Smithville, Mississippi. He was born on November 21, 1950 in Smithville. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter ##842**. The arrangements were made by the E. E. Pickle Funeral Home in Smithville.

**HAROLD JAMES “Matt” MATTHEWS** - Died Sunday, December 3, 2017 in Montrose, New York at the age of 74. Harold was a resident of Bloomingburg, New York at the time of passing. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1943 in Yonkers, New York, one of nine children to the late Joseph R. Matthews and Lucia (née Boyce) Matthews, Matt served in the United States Army from 1965-1971, and was a member of the Haverstraw Ambulance Corps; and the Hillcrest Fire Department and American Legion Post #151 in Middletown. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. His funeral mass was celebrated on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Our Lady of the Assumption Church, High Street in Bloomingburg. Burial with military honors was in the Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Goshen, New York.



**MICHAEL E. McCUE** - Died Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the Northside Forsyth Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Dawsonville, Georgia. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on June 30, 1954 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Ronald McCue and Marie Carson-McCue of Idaho and survives his. He had lived in Dawson County for the past 13 years. During Mr. McCue’s working life, he worked as an electrician and machine maintenance mechanic. Michael was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam, was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and a *Life Member* of the Dawson County Chapter of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. He was an avid golfer, coin collector and was preceded in death by his father, Ronald McCue. Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Nancy McCue, Dawsonville; son and daughter in law, Kevin Michael and Brittany McCue, Texas; grandsons, Jacob and Adrian; mother, Marie Carson, Idaho; brother, Stephen McCue, Germany; sisters, Diana McCue, Cumming, Suzanne Stelle, California, Barbara Cava, Idaho, Billie Sue McCue, Washington; and a number of other relatives. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Bearden Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend David Jordan officiated. The family received friends on Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #970, P.O. Box 1205, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA was in charge of the arrangements.



**JOHN S. McLAUGHLIN** - Died Thursday, April 13, 2017 in Middlebury, Vermont at the age of 71. He was a resident of Leicester, Vermont. The cause of death was prostate cancer, hypertension and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born on August 6, 1945 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late J. Karl and Shirley (née Drake) McLaughlin. He was a

proud veteran of the United States Army and honorably served his Country in Vietnam from 1967-68. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. He was a graduate of Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is survived by his sons, Mark, Peter and Christopher McLaughlin; his brother, Hugh McLaughlin, and; his sister, Kathryn McLaughlin Montgomery.

**RICHARD EUGENE “Rick” MEADE** - Died Saturday, December 9, 2017 at his home in Tazewell, Virginia at the age of 69, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1948 in Tazewell, Virginia to the late Albert P. and Frances (née Johnson) Meade. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and was a recipient of three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. Rick was a member of the Claypool Hill Church of Christ. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Britton Meade and a brother, Albert Preston Meade, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Donna Meade; son, Preston Meade and wife, Krista of Abingdon, VA; brother, Jimmy Meade and wife, Vivian of North Tazewell, VA; sisters, Susie Owen of Cleveland, VA and Jeanette Verly and husband, Donnie of Manassas, VA; grandson, Ryan Meade and step- grandson, Jacob Harmon. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at Peery and St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA where funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 with Evangelist Bob Smith officiating. Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Tazewell, VA where military graveside rites were conducted by members of Barns Beavers VFW Post #7136 of Tazewell, VA and VA National Guard Honor Team of Gate City, VA.



**JOHN D. “Jack” MELLOR** (USAF, TSgt-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 4, 2018 in Abilene, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Jack, as he was known to his friends, was born on February 15, 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William and MaryBelle Mellor and raised in Haddonfield, New Jersey. After high school Jack, like many of the men of his generation, chose to serve his country. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served a full and honorable career in the aviation field. Jack served in Iceland, Spain, Vietnam, and across the U.S. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. While in the military, Jack met and married Shirley Hammond, formerly from Pernell, OK, who would remain with him until the end of his life, raising together a family of four girls. Jack returned with his family to Dyess to retire and settled in Abilene, where he worked at Abilene Aero for many years and found time to earn an Associate of Arts Degree from Cisco Junior College. Jack was a longtime volunteer with Hendrick Hospice Care, where he spent his final days under the tender and watchful care of the nurses and staff. Jack was an active member of Southwest Park Baptist Church. Family, friends, and faith were pillars of Jack's life. Preceding Jack in death were his parents; his brother, Lawrence; and his grandson, Clayton Johnson. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Shirley; daughters Gayle Lasyone, Terri Davis, Brenda Johnson, and Carolyn Herrera; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and several

nieces and nephews. A Memorial was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Southwest Park Baptist Church, 2901 South 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a private burial at Abilene's Texas Veterans' Cemetery. The family received friends for a visitation from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Highway 277 South. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations sent to Abilene's Southwest Park Baptist Church, 2901 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Hendrick Hospice, or any of the many worthy military service support organizations. The family is deeply grateful to all who have helped during this difficult time.



**LAURA ELIZABETH "Laurie" MENGES** - Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Homewood at Plum Creek Nursing Home at the age of 66 with her family by her side. She was a resident of Hanover, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on January 21, 1952 in Abington, Pennsylvania to the late Robert R. and Marie V. (née Plunkett) Wright. She was the loving wife of James A. Menges with whom she shared thirty-five years of marriage. Laurie was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover, PA. Laurie was a 1969 graduate of Upper Moreland HS, Willow Grove, PA. She received a B.S. in Education and Special Education from Millersville in 1973 and her M.S. in Special Education from Shippensburg University in 1976. Mrs. Menges retired in 2008, having worked as a special education teacher and instructional support teacher for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit for twenty years and then for the Hanover Public School District for fifteen years until her retirement. Laurie was a member of the Council for Exceptional Children and was a founding member and secretary of the local chapter. She was a secretary for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit Teachers' Union, a secretary for the HPSD Teachers' Union, a member of the Hanover Hospital Medical Corps & Hazardous Response Team, the York County C.E.R.T., a PTVES member and volunteer EMT for two years with Penn Township Vol. Emergency Services. She was a founding member of the South-Central PA Blue Star Mothers, and a former secretary, president and Blue to Gold Liaison, a V.F.W. Auxiliary member, a location and event coordinator for Wreaths Across America at Mount Olivet Cemetery and St. Joseph's Cemetery, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032**, and a volunteer with Olivia's House. In addition to her loving husband, James, Laurie is survived by her children, Charles Menges of Wyomissing, PA, James Menges of Baltimore, MD, Jason Menges of Fallston, MD, Jennifer Menges of Pottstown, PA and Lisa Menges of Hanover, PA; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Lt. Robert R. Wright. Following cremation, a visitation and time to share memories with the family was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Kenworthy Funeral Home, Inc., 269 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA. A memorial service to celebrate and remember Laurie's life was held 11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA with the Reverend Kathryn A. Schroeder officiating. Burial was private and at the convenience of the family in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Hanover, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Laurie's memory to Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA 17331 or to



the American Cancer Society York/Adams, Attn: Memorial, 924-N Colonial Avenue, York, PA 17403. The family entrusted the funeral arrangements to the Kenworthy Funeral Home, Inc., 269 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.kenworthyfh.com](http://www.kenworthyfh.com).

**CHARLES MENZ** – Died recently in 2017 in Orangevale, California at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1938. He is survived by his son, Michael Menz. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sacramento Chapter #500**.



**HENRY E. "Hank" MESCHI** - Died Saturday, April 15, 2017 in his home in Churchville, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on January 1, 1949, and was one of 4 siblings. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 beautiful years, Helen, his daughter, Crystal (Jeremy), his 5 grandchildren (which he adored), Sierra, Madison, Richard, Emeline, and Isaac, his brother, David (Sharon), his sister, Lotus, and his longtime (best) friend from the Vietnam War, Charles Clark, whom he served alongside during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps between the years of 1967-1968 and then, wounded in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He (Hank) is best known for his great sense of humor and for always having a camera in his hand to capture precious moments of friends and family at gatherings.



**MICHAEL PAUL MERITET** - Died Thursday, March 23, 2017 in Greenlawn, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 3, 1948. He was the loving husband of Joanne; beloved father, of Michael and Danielle; dear brother, of Bill Meritet and the late Lise Lieske, and; fond brother-in-law, of Lorraine Zenka. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126**. Visiting hours at the Nolan and Taylor-Howe Funeral Home, 5 Laurel Avenue, Northport, NY on Sunday from 2:00-5:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. Family and friends shared some words of remembrance around 8:00 PM. Everyone gathered at the funeral home on Tuesday afternoon at 12:45 PM before processing to the Calverton National Cemetery for a 2:00 PM graveside service with the United States Air Force Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's memory may be made to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration electronically at <https://www.theaftd.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/electronically> or by mail at AFTD, Radnor Station Building 2, Suite #320, 290 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087.

**LISA KAY METZLER** – Died Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in San Marcos, Texas at the age of 58. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. She was born on June 15, 1959 in Red Bluff,

California. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Arrangements were under the direction of Legends Funeral Home, San Marcos, Texas.



**EDWARD JOSEPH “Ed” MILLER** - Died Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at his home in Johnsbury, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on January 6, 1948 in Woodstock, Illinois to the late Alfred and Eleanor (née Schaefer) Miller. A lifelong resident of McHenry County, Edward was educated in Richmond and most recently resided in Johnsbury for over 10 years. A decorated veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, he served from 1967 - 1969. Edward achieved the rank of Sergeant and among his several decorations, he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. Prior to retiring, he was employed as a carpenter by R. & D. Thiel for over 35 years. Enjoyments included boating and jet-skiing. He also was an accomplished sign builder and was always willing to help his many neighbors. Survivors include his wife, Donna “Patti” (née Stachula) Miller; two daughters, Erin (Robert) Burns, of Independence, Oregon and Janet (John) Herzog, of Dubuque, Iowa; four grandchildren, Logan, Scarlett, Eleanor and Lillian. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Miller. Visitation hours were from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2017, at the Justen Funeral Home and Crematory, 3700 Charles J. Miller Road, McHenry, IL 60050. The visitation resumed at the funeral home on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from Noon until 1:00 PM and then proceeded to the 1:30 PM Funeral Mass at the Church of Holy Apostles, 5211 West Bull Valley Road, McHenry, IL 60050. Interment was in the Church of Holy Apostles Cemetery. For those wishing to send an expression of condolence, his family suggested memorials in Ed’s honor be made to JourneyCare Foundation; 2050 Claire Court; Glenview, IL 60025. For information, please call the funeral home at 815-385-2400, or visit [www.justenfhh.com](http://www.justenfhh.com), where friends may leave an on-line condolence message for his family.



**EDWARD MERLE “Ed” MILLER** - Died Saturday, November 25, 2017 at his residence in Taft, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born on August 6, 1949 in Palestine, Illinois to the late E. Merle and Ruth Kathleen (née Duncan) Miller. Ed had a lot of interesting childhood memories to share while growing up in Flat Rock, Illinois. He was quite a storyteller and a most interesting person to be around and listen to. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam with the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division receiving the rank of Specialist 5 and also was awarded the Bronze Star. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

**of America - Tennessee**, DAV, the American Legion and the VFW. He had an Associate of Arts degree in electronics technology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Athens State College. He worked in sales and marketing for several companies throughout his career where he traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad. He was passionate about sports and coached his kids in softball and baseball through the YMCA and grade school programs. Even though he was unable to attend events in later years, he always kept up with how the grandkids were doing. He loved the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. They always brought him extreme joy. He was one who always seemed to bring the family together when his children were younger. There were countless fish fries, family whiffle ball games, Fourth of July fireworks, swims in the pond on hot summer days, camping trips, arrowhead hunts, more arrowhead hunts and many other great adventures. He had high expectations of his children, but he was also their biggest fan. The last several years grew harder for him to be physically involved in his grandkids' lives, but he never failed to mention how proud he was of them. He will be greatly missed. His stories, his late night and early morning talks and phone calls, his strong need to share his opinion and his crazy eating habits will all be missed, but his love for his family will be missed the most. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Janet Marie (née Harms) Miller; his son, Jeff (Dosh) Miller, of Hazel Green, AL; his daughter, Mindy (Jeremiah) Pierson. of Canada; his grandchildren, Zac and Marae Miller and Sydnee, Abi and Tanner Pierson; his brother, Bill (Jan) Miller, and; a sister, Wilma (Kenneth) Henson. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sandy Knotts. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Higgins Funeral Home with Bro. David England officiating. The burial was in the Prosperity Cemetery with military honors. Visitation with the family was from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Higgins Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made the Vietnam Veterans of America at 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910 or <https://vva.org/donate/>. Higgins Funeral Home was in charge of serving the family.

**GREGORY N. MITCHELL** – Died recently in 2017 in The Villages Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 5, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Edith Mitchell, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**ALFRED L. MOORE** – Died Friday, October 20, 2017 in Saint Cloud, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 13, 1946 in Evansville, Indiana. He served in the United States Army from February 19, 1965 to November 20, 1970. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam from January 8, 1966 to January 13, 1967 and from October 4, 1967 to September 28, 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**.



**DAVID EUGENE MOORE** - Died Monday, November 27, 2017 at his home in Cheshire, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death was cardiac dysrhythmia. He was born on September 14, 1948 in Gallipolis, Ohio to the late Eugene F. Moore and Mary E. (née Roberts) Moore. David was retired from AEP after 30 years of service. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandpa and friend. He was a veteran who served 3 years in the United States Army and 18 months in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**. He was a member of Elizabeth Chapel Church. David married Joyce K. Carson on August 21, 1971. They spent 46 years happily married. They had two sons and two daughters, Susan (Jeff) Randolph of Gallipolis, Emily (Jason) Northup of Crown City, David (Lora) Moore of Cheshire and Jeffrey Moore of Cheshire. David had 6 grandchildren, Jarred Northup, Ashley Northup, Allie Moore, Ryan Randolph, Kyle Northup and Riley Moore. Also surviving are three brothers and three sisters, Charlotte (Dennis) Bales of Gallipolis, Kathy Bennett of Hope Mills, N.C., Pam (Spencer) Carey of Marianna, Fla., Steven (Loretta) Moore of Cheshire, Ed (Tammy) Moore of Cheshire, and Howard Moore of Gallipolis. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Willis Funeral Home with Pastors Alfred Holley and Randy Carnes co-officiating. Burial was in the Ohio Valley Memory Gardens. Friends came to the funeral home on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The pallbearers were grandsons, nephew and brothers. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in David's memory to Elizabeth Chapel Church.



**DAVID WILLIAM MOORE** - Died Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at home in Sutton, Massachusetts at the age of 67, surrounded by loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 3, 1949 in Worcester, Massachusetts to the late Lawrence and Priscilla (née Giard) Moore. David leaves his wife of 43 years, Debra M. (née Rajotte) Moore; two children, Jennifer L. Moore and partner, Dewey M. Sasser and Jonathan T. Moore and his wife, Erin, all of Sutton; five grandsons, Carrick and Gareth McCullough, Connor, Isaac, and Pruitt Moore; three siblings, L. Thomas Moore and his wife, Irene, Maureen Valentine-Mara, and Kathleen Lapinsky and her husband, Robert, and; many nieces and nephews. He graduated from Saint John High School in 1967 and Worcester Boy's Trade School in 1969. He served in the United States Air Force for four years during the Vietnam War and served for 31 years in the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Massachusetts. David retired as a truck driver from Yellow Freight in 2009. He was a charter representative for Boy Scout Troop #131 in Sutton, a member of Charles F. Minney VFW Post in Millbury and Dudley Gendron American Legion Post in Sutton. David was the commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts** in Northbridge, and a member of the Knights of Columbus of Saint Mark Catholic Church, Sutton. He enjoyed

traveling the world with his wife and, most of all laughing with and enjoying his family and friends. David's calling hours were held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 North Main Street in Millbury. His Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in Saint Mark Catholic Church, 356 Boston Road, Sutton. Burial with military honors was in the Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The UMASS Memorial Bone Marrow Treatment Center, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655. We ask all to consider registering to become a bone marrow or stem cell donor, go to [BeTheMatch.org](http://BeTheMatch.org) for more information.



**CHARLES EDWARD "Charlie" MORTON** – Died Sunday, September 24, 2017 in Sophia, North Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 18, 1951 in Albertsville, Alabama to the late Richard and Novella Morton. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a daughter, Glenna "Sissy" Haithcock. Charlie was a veteran of the United States Army and was retired from Sunbelt Express. He enjoyed collecting Military memorabilia and loved working in his yard. He was also a talented welder. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Charlie is survived by his wife, Darlene (née Evans) Morton, of the home; three children, Marshall Osborne, of Portland, OR, Wanda Hodge and husband, Jeff, of Archdale, and Dean Osborne and wife, Amy, of Randleman; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his life-long friend and Army buddy, Juan Cruz, of Tyler, TX; and many other Brothers-In-Arms and trucking friends. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, in the chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service in Archdale, officiated by Reverend Ronnie Kendrick. Interment was in the Randolph Memorial Park Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday night from 6:00 until 8:00 at the funeral home.

**BENJAMIN H. NATION** – Died Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in Lowry City, Missouri at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Illinois on March 24, 1937 to the late Ben and Maude Nation. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He did two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora (Indiana) Chapter #71**. He is survived by two daughters, Debbie Griswold, of Indianapolis, IN and Judy Koehler, of Madison; one half-brother, Arthur Nation, of Gig Harbor, WA; one grandson; one granddaughter, and; two great-granddaughters. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Saturday at the Johnson Vaughn Funeral Home in Fairfield, Illinois. Military honors were conducted at the cemetery. Friends visited the family on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The family requested donations be made to Saint Jude's Children Hospital.

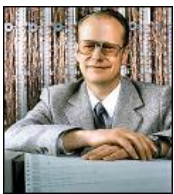
**MARY NELLIS** – Died Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 23, 1950. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**.



**RANDALL EUGENE "Randy" NELSON** - Died Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Christus Saint Patrick Hospital at the age of 69, surrounded by family and friends. He was a resident of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on November 14, 1948 in DeLand, Florida to the late Willie Nelson-Coker. He was proud of his military service in the United States Marine Corps, "Semper Fi" where he served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098**. His little piece of heaven on earth was a mixed drink, little bit of Jimmy Buffett, and the outdoors. He truly valued his family and friendships he had. He is survived by his loving wife, Michele Nelson of 32 years; two sons and daughters-in-law, Danny McClenahan and wife Rachel, of Saint Paul, MN and Ryan McClenahan and wife Annette, of Sulphur, LA; one daughter and son-in-law, Lynn Hebert and husband Larry, of Lake Charles, LA; two brothers, Eddie Mixon, of Las Vegas, NV and Steve Mixon of Lake Wales, FL; one sister, Anita Mixon, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; one brother-in-law, Bobby Mixon; nine grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren, who he loved like they were his own. He was preceded in death by his mother, Willie Nelson Coker. A celebration of life for Randy and gathering was held at the Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM.



**KIRK DAVID NEVIOUS, JR.**- Died Monday, September 25, 2017 at his residence in Dunnellon Square, Dunnellon, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 20, 1947 in New Jersey. He was a United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He was a retired computer programmer. He is survived by his daughter, Jean A. Nevious. Kirk's son David Kirkpatrick died that same week on September 28, 2017 in New Jersey.



**JAMES DAVID "Jim" PARENTI** – Died Thursday, March 2, 2017 in Cheney, Washington at the age of 73, following a bout with pneumonia, complicated by other health issues. He was born in Seminole, Oklahoma on November 6, 1943 to the late Julio and Lucille (née Fallin) Parenti. Jim was a member of the United States Air Force serving for 21 years also serving in Vietnam. He was First Sergeant of 92<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Squadron SAC at Fairchild AFB, from which he retired. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. After an "arduous" (two-week) employment search, Jim began working for the Community Colleges of Spokane as a Telecommunications Manager. He served in this capacity for 25 years until retiring. Jim enjoyed camping and fishing, and spending time with his family and numerous pets. Jim was preceded in death by his only grandson, Dyllan James in 1992. He is survived by

his wife, Andrea; his daughter, Lorri Smith of Covington, Georgia; his granddaughter, Andrea Powers of Oxford, Georgia; and his granddaughter, Ashlea Botello, of Covington Georgia, and; three great-granddaughters. Jim also leaves behind brothers, Donald G. Parenti in Oklahoma and Pat Parenti in Washington state, as well as sisters Juliann Teague and Jodeane Parenti in Washington state, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in Jim's honor to the Spokane Humane Society or Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. No services were held.

**DAN PATTON** – Died recently in 2017 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.

**ELLIS M. "Budd" PEARCE III** - Died Friday, December 8, 2017 at his residence in Buckingham, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born on August 30, 1948 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Marine Corps from July 28, 1967 to July 27, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Doylestown Chapter #210**. He was the beloved husband of 33 years to Suzanne (née Farrell) Pearce; devoted father of James Pearce; loving brother of Patricia Riggs and the late Ann Pearce; dear brother-in-law of Kevin (Debra) Farrell, and Christine (Michael) Pompizzi, and; numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church, 1401 Meetinghouse Road, Warminster, PA 18974 on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The family received their friends from 10:00-11:00 AM prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to Neshaminy-Warwick Presbyterian Church or the Marine Corps League Scholarship of Pennsylvania, Inc., Building 3-95, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003 would be appreciated.



**PIERRE E. PELLETIER, JR.** – Died Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in Amherst, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on April 24, 1947 in Buffalo, New York to the late Pierre E. Pelletier, Sr. and Mary Pelletier. He was the beloved husband of Norine (née Kieser) Pelletier; devoted father of Scot (Sandra) Pelletier and Tracy (Jamie) Irving; cherished grandfather of Jessica, Emma, Jayden, and Ethan; dear brother of Lynn, Jeffrey (Michelle), and the late Jim (Roz) and late Michael (Roxanne); also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Pelletier was a Veteran of the United States Army as well as the past Commander of Niagara County American Legion and the past Commander of B. Leo Dolan Post #410 of Lockport, NY. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Relatives and friends visited the family at the Lombardo Funeral Home (Northtown's Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Boulevard, near Eggert/Sheridan Drive on Tuesday from 3:00-8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Martha Church, 10 French Road, Depew on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.

**RICHARD JAMES HERMAN PELLETIER** – Died Sunday, January 14, 2018 in O'Fallon, Missouri at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 3, 1943 in Presque Isle,

Maine. He is survived by his wife, Carol Pelletier, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**.



**RONALD MARVIN PENNINGTON, SR.** - Died Saturday, December 2, 2017 at his residence in Frostburg, Maryland at the age of 76, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney cancer. He was born on November 24, 1941, in Frostburg to late Marvin A. and Mildred H. (née Winters) Pennington. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Seymour. Mr. Pennington was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the United States Army. Following his discharge from the military, he worked for Kelly Springfield Tire Company. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He loved to garden and give away the vegetables he grew. Surviving are his wife, Sarah Jane (née Delaney) Pennington, with whom he celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20, 2017; daughters, Jennifer Huffman and husband, Todd, Hickory, N.C., and Robin Hildebrand and husband, Randy, Baltimore; sons, Ronald Pennington Jr. and wife, Darlene, Frostburg, Philip Pennington and wife, Laura, Frederick, and Scott Pennington and Tricia Gates, Cumberland; grandchildren, Monica, Nate, Katy and Scott Pennington, Anna Hershman, Randi Seymour and Angel Pitcher; four great-grandchildren; brothers, David Pennington, Frostburg, and Mark Pennington and wife, Renee, Martinsburg, W.Va.; and special nephews, Josh and Chris Pennington. Family and friends were received at the Durst Funeral Home, 57 Frost Avenue, on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Memorial services were held at 3:00 PM with the Reverend Dwayne Hay officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations in Ronald's name be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or the charity of their choice.



**JOHN CHARLES PLOETZ** - Died Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the Hennepin County Medical Center as result of an automobile accident at Stark. He was 75 years of age and a resident of Harris, Minnesota. He was born on December 4, 1942 in Winona, Minnesota. He was the oldest of six children born to Lester and Marcella (née Herrick) Ploetz and raised on a farm outside Saint Charles, Minnesota. There he attended high school where he excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. Following graduation, he attended Saint Thomas University until he was drafted into the United States Army. He proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1966-1967 as a topographical surveyor in the 66<sup>th</sup> Engineering Company. Upon his honorable discharge, he was employed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. In 1969, he met and married Joanne Lofgren and they made their home in New Hope, Minnesota. In 1976, they moved to the Harris area and ultimately purchased and operated Lofgren Trucking Service in Rush City for 30 years. They raised their three children Corey, Christina, and Craig on



Fish Lake. He was a devoted father, spending innumerable hours on the lake with his children and their friends. He and Joanne attended many sporting events to watch their children play in high school and college. After selling their company in 2005, John continued to utilize his excellent driving skills as a medical courier and was currently working as a driver for Heartland Express. He served as the commander for the Harris American Legion Post #139 who provided military honors for funerals of veterans and Memorial Day services to commemorate the fallen. In this position he was able to engage veterans and impact many lives. His leadership skills will be missed by many. John was also a member of the North Branch VFW, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanchfield Chapter #684*. More recently he enjoyed being a grandfather and embraced the opportunity to begin water skiing lessons for a new generation. He also took on the added challenge of giving driving lessons to his granddaughters. Big John's 6'4" frame was dwarfed by the kindness of his heart, the breadth of compassion, and the depth of his character. He positively influenced all he met and will be missed by all who knew him. John is survived by his wife of 48 years Joanne Ploetz of Harris; children Corey (Michelle) Ploetz of Henderson, Nevada, Christina (Ken) Hughes of Rochester, Indiana and Craig (Rachel) Ploetz of Hermantown; grandchildren: Garrett and Grant Ploetz, Catherine, Blake, Emily Hughes, Lindsey and Zach Ploetz; sisters Ellen (Mike) Roles of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, Anne (Bob) Page of Winona, Chris (Martha Mutch) Ploetz of Roseville; brother Julius (Kay) Ploetz of Andover; sister-in-law Linnea Lofgren; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Lester and Marcella Ploetz; brother Joseph Ploetz; father-in-law and mother-in-law Robert and Inez Lofgren; and brother-in-law David Lofgren. Pastor Jon Yurk and Deacon Jerry Dufeck co-officiated funeral services for John at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in North Branch, Minnesota. A time of visitation and viewing was on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and also one hour prior to the service at the church. The interment took place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be directed to the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Funeral and Cremation Service of Rush City ~ Olson Chapel.

**ANTHONY J. PONZO** - Died Thursday, December 21, 2017 at the Methodist Southlake Hospital, in Merrillville, Indiana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, formerly of Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 30, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of Belle Fourche. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst (New Jersey) Chapter #12**. Services were pending until Spring of 2018.

**MICHAEL R. PRICE** - Died Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in Indian Trail, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Matthews Chapter #1103**.



**JOHN RUBEN "Uncle Ruben" QUATTLEBAUM, SR.** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Friday, May 25, 2012 at the age of 66 after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 21, 1949 to the late John Levi and Norma (née Thomas) Quattlebaum. John was affectionately known as Uncle Ruben. He was a graduate of A.L. Corbett Public School class of 1967 and was drafted into the

United States Army in 1968, serving in Vietnam and later Desert Storm. John later retired from the military after 26 years of service. John was a member of Jerusalem Lodge #400, CC Johnson Con, Cairo Temple #125, American Legion Post #212, and the 450<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Co. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925**. John was predeceased by one brother, James Walter Quattlebaum, and two sons, John Ruben Quattlebaum, Jr., and James Russel Quattlebaum. John leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 18 years, Sharon (née Miles) Quattlebaum; his sons, Derrick Dewan and Akinni Jermaine Quattlebaum, of Wagener, SC; his stepsons, Anthony P. Miles, of Atlanta, GA, and Byron (LaTosha) Edwards, of Wagener, SC; his foster daughter, LaQwania Whiteside, of Aiken; his grandchildren, Nadia Quattlebaum, Damion Robinson, Mikal Whiteside, Kambrie Whiteside, Shateria Edwards, Shyheime Johnson and Kileigh Gilbert; Brother Thomas (Gwen) Quattlebaum; his sister, Barbara Fuller; his aunts, Lillie Bell Woodward, Christine Morgan, Anna Laura Jackson; his sister-in-law, Beverly (Solomon) Atkinson, Michael Miles, Sr., Reverend Larry (LaTres) Miles, Christopher Miles, and; nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends. The family received their friends on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Avenue, Wagener, SC. Funeral services for SFC John Ruben Quattlebaum were held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 11:00 AM with viewing starting at 10:00 AM at the Baughmanville Baptist Church, 125 Baughmanville Road, Wagener, SC 29164. The Reverend Larry K, Miles presided. Committal services were located at the Baughmanville Baptist Church Cemetery immediately following the homegoing services and included full military honors.

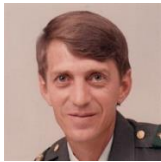


**JERRY LAMAR QUINN** - Died Wednesday, December 20, 2017 in LaFayette, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 16, 1946 to the late Thomas and Alice Gertrude Quinn. He had lived in the North Georgia area for most of his life and was of the Church of God faith. He was a Decorated Vietnam War United States Army Veteran having served more than 12 years in the service. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 26, 1966 to March 27, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He retired from Mueller Company after more than 17 years. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Alice Gertrude Quinn; two sisters, Mildred Myers and Charlotte Winn and nephew, Johnny Pell. Survivors include his loving wife who will be celebrating her 50-year anniversary on December 30, 2017, Judy Quinn of LaFayette, GA; daughters, Michelle Quinn of Wildwood, GA and Kristie Quinn of Ringgold, GA; brother, Lonnie Quinn; sister, Barbara Coyne of East Ridge, TN; two grandchildren, Donovan Aaron and Heather Butler and six great grandchildren, Brayden Butler, Brantley Butler, Alayah Taylor, Rylyn Aaron, Dawsyn Aaron and Jaedyn Aaron. Funeral services were held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 23, 2017 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Brother Adam Howard officiating. Burial was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends after 1:00 PM on Friday and prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral

home. Arrangements were made by the W. L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.



**JOHN DENNY "Jack" RAGSDALE, SR.** - Died Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 4:51 AM at his residence in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer. Jack was born on January 26, 1934 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Donald Ellsworth and Margaret (née Tennant) Ragsdale. Jack married Cleo B. Anderson on April 13, 1996 in Lafayette, and she survives. He worked as a Barber at Jack's Barber Shop in Indianapolis. Jack served in the United States Army as a Paratrooper during the Korean and Vietnam Conflict before being discharged in 1967. He was responsible for bringing the Vietnam Wall to Lafayette. Jack was a member of the VFW #1154, and enjoyed wood working. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana*. Surviving along with his wife are four children, John D., Jr. (wife: Wanda) Ragsdale, of Fredricksburg, VA, Richard Donald Ragsdale, of Tampa, FL, Joseph Anthony Ragsdale, of Tampa, FL, Julia Addvinsky, of Missouri; three stepchildren, Sandra (husband: Noah) Roark, of Brookston, Bill (wife: Jennie) Anderson, of Lafayette, and Mike (wife: Joann) Anderson, of West Lafayette; his ex-wife, Jacquelyn Faye Whitlock Jones; one sister, Dorothy Miller, of Greenwood; seventeen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren, and; three stepgreatgrandchildren. He is preceded in death by 4 siblings and one stepson, Ed Anderson. Services were held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 2:00 PM with visitation one-hour prior at the Simplicity Funeral Care with Pastor Clayton Kendall officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Simplicity Funeral Care was entrusted with the arrangements.



**ROGER DENNIS RAPE, SR.** - Died Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at his home in Lancaster, South Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 15, 1946 in Monroe, North Carolina to Lillie Mae (née Rollins) Rape-Weir and the late Furman Matthew Rape. Mr. Rape was a patriot. He served in the United States Marine Corps for six years, including a year and a half in Vietnam. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserves after leaving the Marines and retired after sixteen and a half years. Mr. Rape also retired as a Patrol Lieutenant from the Lancaster Police Department. He was a long-time member of the Marine Corps League. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina*. Mr. Rape is survived by his wife, Jo Lena Stegall Rape; a son, Roger "Dennis" Rape, Jr., of Columbia; a daughter, Michelle Martin and her husband Steve, of Lancaster; his mother, Lillie Weir, of Charlotte; a brother, Howard Len "Red" Rapay and his wife, Kathleen, of Concord, NC; two grandchildren, Caroline Lena Bailey and Brice Neal Bailey, and; three step-grandchildren, Trevor Martin, Meghan Martin and Macy Martin. In addition to his

father, Mr. Rape was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Bruce Rapay and Billie Michael Rape; and a sister, Marsha Diamond. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Lancaster Funeral Home, and other times at the home. A service to celebrate the life of Mr. Rape was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the chapel of Lancaster Funeral Home with the Reverend Carroll Arant and the Reverend Dr. Steve Stewart co-officiating. Burial with military honors was in the Lancaster Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Lancaster Funeral Home and Cremation Service served the family of Mr. Rape.



**LEWIS L. "Lou" REEGER** - Died Thursday, September 14, 2017 at home in Irvona, Pennsylvania at the age of 68, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was Agent Orange metastatic rectal cancer, bladder cancer, Parkinson's disease and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born on September 3, 1949 in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania to the late Merle D. and Clara Jane (née Feaster) Reeger. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, the former Margie Brink whom he married April 24, 1976 at Fruit Hill Church, R.D. New Millport; his son, Lewis "Lew", of Irvona; his brother, Gary "Butch" (Jolene Patrick) of Colwich, KS, and; and several nieces and nephews. Lou was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the Seabees. He was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and Expert Rifleman Medals. He owned and operated Reeger Trucking for 35 years and worked as a heavy equipment operator for Benjamin Coal Company for a number of years. Lou enjoyed riding motorcycles and his antique trucks. He was a life member of the All-American Cycle Club, Irvona, DuBois VFW Post #813, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967*, VFW National Home for Veteran's Children, Grand Rapids, Mich., and member of the Military of Cooties (MOC) Pick-Em #59. Friends were received from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday and from 10:00 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM on Monday at the Gibbons Funeral Home, 1085 Main Street, Coalport, PA 16627, Pastor Robert Queen officiating. The committal was in the Fairview Cemetery, R.D. LaJose. Military Rites were provided by Osceola Mills VFW Post #5020.



**FRED J. RICHARD, SR.** - Died Monday, January 22, 2018, in a local nursing home in Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 70. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on January 5, 1948 to the late William and Doris (née Felix) Richard. He served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired after forty-three years of service from Sonoco Products Company of Holyoke. He will be remembered as a practical joker who enjoyed trips to the casino, NASCAR,

bowling, fishing, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**.

He was the beloved husband of forty-seven years of Patricia A. (née Schmitt) Richard. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Fred J. Richard, Jr. and his daughter Holly Bajgier and her husband Tom; two grandchildren, Aaron and Zachary Bajgier, all of Chicopee. He also leaves five brothers, Francis, Jerry, Karl, Ronald, and Michael; three sisters, Mary Fontaine, Gloria Sturgeon, Doris McDonald; father in law, Jacob Schmitt, and special in-laws, Karl and Cheri Schmitt. He was predeceased by his siblings, Billy, Albert, Gordon, Peter, Craig, and Betty.

Friends and relatives were invited to gather on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the New England Funeral and Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA from 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM, followed by committal services with military honors at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, Massachusetts. Memorial contributions in Fred's name may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Western MA, Chapter One-Eleven, P.O. Box 2671, Springfield, MA 01101-2671.



**JAY CLYDE RICKS, JR.** – Died Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Teton, Idaho at the age of 69. The cause of death was suicide due to PTSD, anxiety and depression. He was born in Rexburg, Idaho on May 21, 1948 to the Jay Clyde Ricks, Sr. and Beverly Ricks. He grew up on the family farm on the border between Madison and Teton County, where he became the proud big brother of Sheila, Jana, Boyd, and Eileen. The family spent the winters in Rexburg where Clyde graduated from Madison High School in 1966. Following in the footsteps of his World War II heroes, Clyde enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1968. He was injured in a landmine explosion in Vietnam in 1969, where he lost the hearing in his right ear. He went home with a Purple Heart and continued his education at Ricks College. While at Ricks College, he was set up on a blind date with Marilyn Cutler. He fell in love with her on the first date, and they continued dating even when Clyde graduated and moved to Provo, Utah, to continue his education at BYU. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972**. Clyde and Marilyn married in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 21, 1971. After a couple of years, Clyde and Marilyn moved the family to a farm in Felt, Idaho, to help Clyde's father run the farm. It was there Clyde and Marilyn proudly raised their five children: Deron, Alecia, Travis, Danny and Maria. Clyde was also proud to work with some of his nephews on the farm. One nephew in particular, Duane Cutler, became like a son to Clyde and Marilyn and a brother to the Ricks children. After battling cancer for years, Marilyn (née Cutler) Ricks passed away February 2003. The loss of his companion of 31 years was devastating to Clyde. A light of love came back into his life when Clyde began dating JoDeane Bagley Strong. Clyde and JoDeane married December 30, 2003. JoDeane has been a blessing to his and his children's lives for their 14 years of marriage. Clyde was a proud stepfather of his 12 bonus children. Clyde strongly believed in helping others. He worked with several veteran associations, started a homeless shelter and raised money to build the Vietnam Memorial in Idaho Falls. He attended

as many Alcoholics Anonymous meetings as he could and proudly carried his coin of more than 30 years sobriety. He served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - his favorites being home teacher and ward greeter. Clyde had a remarkable memory and thoughtfully remembered friends' birthdays and anniversaries. Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Tetonia LDS Chapel. The family received friends on Friday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg and again on Saturday from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM at the church prior to services. Interment with military rites was in the Cache-Clawson Cemetery.



**GONZALO L. RIOS, JR.** - Died Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Valley Baptist Medical Center with his two daughters by his side. He was 77 years of age and a resident of Harlingen, Texas. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 20, 1940 in Edinburg, Texas to the late Gonzalo Rios, Sr. and Guadalupe (née Lopez) Rios. Gonzalo enlisted into the United States Army at 17 as a volunteer soldier, then continued to serve in the U.S. Army from 1961-1967 and was a Vietnam Veteran. After serving in the Army his first job as a civilian was as a police officer with the Harlingen Police Department until 1975. While serving as a police officer, Gonzalo attended Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas where he received his BS Degree in Law Enforcement. During his years his employment also included working for Boggus Ford as a car salesman, was self-employed as an independent insurance adjuster State Farm Catastrophe Division. He retired from all employment in 2006. He served as an advocate for veteran's, was a *Life Member* and the *Commander* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856** and a lifetime member of the local VFW Chapter, DAV Chapter #121, and a member of the American Legion. Gonzalo also volunteered with national organizations in disaster relief to include the Texas Baptist Men. He was an ordained Deacon at First Baptist Church Harlingen. He was a big football fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the Harlingen Cardinals. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Emma J. Rios; his parents, and several siblings. Gonzalo is survived by his loving family to cherish his wonderful memory; his daughters, Yvette (Joe) Tovar, and Yvonne (Daniel) Trevino; four grandchildren, Valerie and Joseph Tovar; and Josiah and Asa Trevino, and; numerous nieces and nephews who adored him very much. Visitation hours were held on Friday December 8, 2017 with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Trinity Funeral Chapel. The funeral service was held on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church, 501 East Van Buren, Harlingen, Texas.



**LEON ROBERTSON** - Died Thursday, December 21, 2017 at the University Toledo Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Montpelier, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1947 in San Diego, California to the late Norma Lee Ellison. Leon proudly served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served in Vietnam, Okinawa and Germany, and he ended his 13 years of service in 1980. On November 3, 1967 he married Rosemarie A. Martinez in Henderson, Nevada and she survives. Leon had a strong faith in God and was an active member of the House of Prayer in Montpelier. He was also a lifetime member of the VFW Post #3360 in Defiance and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. Leon worked at Design Institute of America (DIA) in Montpelier, Winzeler's Stamping in Montpelier and retired from IAC in Wauseon in 2016. He enjoyed reading, being in the garden, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His stories and quick wit will be missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Rosemarie; children, Joseph L. Robertson of Montpelier, Marie A. Robertson of Midlothian, Texas, and Rachel (Tyson) Richmond of Bowling Green; nine grandchildren, Amanda, Taccara, Karianne, Krystal, Michael, Amber, Travis, Mason and Mera; twelve great grandchildren; and his twin brother Lane Robertson of Las Vegas, Nevada. Leon was preceded in death by his mother, one sister and one brother. Visitation for Leon was on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Thompson Funeral Home on Main Street in Montpelier. Services were on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Beniah Harris officiating. Military rites were provided by the Defiance VFW Post #3360 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Vietnam Veterans of America.



**GARY L. ROBINSON** – Died Friday, January 13, 2017 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 15, 1945. He was a member of the Cincinnati - Lafayette Masonic Lodge #483 F.& A.M. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Vorhis and Ryan Funeral Home, 11365 Springfield Pike, Springdale, OH 45246 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Cincinnati - Lafayette Masonic Lodge #483 F.& A.M. Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite Ring Service was at 12:30 PM at the funeral home. Burial, with military honors, was in the Arlington Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to Honor Flight Tri-State, 8627 Calumet Way, Cincinnati, OH 45249 or a charity of choice.

**GLEN PORTE ROBINSON** - Died Monday, July 18, 2016 in Lubeck, West Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 29, 1940. He lived until joining the United States Navy at the age of 17 in 1957. Glen proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 22 years before retiring as a Chief Signalman on December 7, 1978. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He was married to Virginia. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, 2333 Pike Street, South Parkersburg. A gathering of friends and family occurred prior to the funeral service from Noon to 2:00 PM with a further gathering and food immediately after the service in the Meditation Room and Garden. If desired friends may make memorial contributions in honor of Glen to the DAV Chapter #32, P.O. Box 173, Davisville WV 26142 in lieu of flowers.

**ROBERT J. “Bob” ROCHE, JR.** – Died recently in 2017 in Mooresville, South Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 14, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.

**STUART E. “Stu” ROSENFELD** - Died Monday, March 22, 2010 at home in Palm Coast, Florida at the age of 62. He was formerly of Edison, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. Stu was born in Newark, New Jersey on April 7, 1947. He resided in Edison and Somerset, New Jersey until he retired from New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park in 2005. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968, a Master Mason, Palestine Masonic Lodge #111 in Montgomery, a 6-gallon blood donor, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #262, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**, as well as a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans, NJ Chapter #73 and Jim Booe #86 Flagler Beach, FL. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia (née Borwegen) Rosenfeld, Palm Coast, FL; sons, David Rosenfeld and his wife Amy of Greenville, SC, and Jason of Edison; by his mother, Zelda and sister, Andrea Ronan also of Edison, and by three grandchildren, Alexa, Dawson, and Dylan. The family and friends celebrated Stu's life on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Raritan Engine Company #1, Plainfield Avenue Edison, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Stu's memory to the Disabled American Veterans.

**NOIAL WAYNE ROSS** - Died Friday, January 19, 2018 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 1, 1942 in Jackson. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War having served from August 22, 1966 to August 1968 with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. He was a Mason and a retired employee of the city of Jackson. He is survived by his wife Ann Ross and her daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the North Chapel of George A. Smith and Sons followed by a graveside service at the Highland Memorial Gardens with Military Honors.





**RANDY NEAL ROUDYBUSH** - Died Sunday, October 22, 2017 in Wetmore, Kansas at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 9, 1952 in Holton, Kansas to Norman and Mabel “Irene” (née Trundle) Roudybush. Randy graduated from Alt High School in Alt, CO and later attended Washburn University and Ft. Hays State University. He graduated from Northwest Iowa School of Taxidermy in 1989. Randy proudly served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Davidson during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #282 in Wetmore. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. Randy married Sandra “Sandy” Sue Sanders on April 12, 1975 in Ellsworth, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include his parents, Norman and Irene Roudybush of Wetmore, KS; two sons, Matthew Roudybush (Lisa) of Nielsville, MN and David Roudybush (Aileen), of Manhattan, KS; one daughter, Michelle Novotny (William), also of Manhattan, KS; two sisters, Debbie Frayer, of Powhattan, KS and Nancy Hackler, of Wetmore, KS; one brother, Michael Roudybush, of Holton, KS, and; ten grandchildren, Derek, Hunter, Hannah, Payton “Squeaky”, Braden, Zander, Kamisha, Alisha, Alayne and Matthew. Funeral Services were at 10:30 AM on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with Military Honors was in the Wetmore Cemetery. The family greeted friends from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Vietnam War Memorial Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

**DONALD L. “Don” ROUSH** – Died Saturday, January 13, 2018 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 16, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* and the current sitting *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – McKinney Chapter #1122**.

**RUSSELL V. “Rus” RUARK** - Died Monday, June 12, 2017 at his home in Newark, Delaware at the age of 70, surrounded by family and friends for whom he had been the strength and support for so many years. He battled multiple myeloma for 7 years, 9 months and fought with all his might. He was born in Salisbury, Maryland on January 30, 1947 to the late Pauline (née Disharoon) Ruark and Oliver Ruark. He was in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1970 and did a 1-year tour of duty in Vietnam. On return from Vietnam, he met and married the love of his life, Ola Pawlun, and they celebrated 50 years of marriage this past March. Together they raised two daughters and enjoyed the beach and some traveling. Rus was a sports enthusiast. He was on baseball teams, bowling leagues, and excelled in racquetball. His love was golf and he played when he could. When his daughters and grandchildren played sports, he was their strongest cheerleader and attended as many games as he was able. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #83**. He had a long, varied, and successful career in business management and in banking. He retired in 2010 due to his disease. Rus leaves to cherish his memory, and we definitely will, his wife, Ola (née Pawlun) Ruark; his daughters, Laura DiRusso (Mark) and Cynthia Wood (David); his grandchildren, Andrew and

Matthew Peterson, Alexandra and Joshua Wood; and the newest joy of his life, great-grandson, Brantley Russell Peterson. He will be dearly missed by his pitbull, Diva. He is survived by his sisters, Patricia Elias, Deborah Chamberlain, Lisa Shelton; 10 nieces and nephews; and 27 great-nieces and great-nephews. Rus and the family would like to thank the many nurses and doctors who helped to ease the way through his illness and who kept him going for nearly 8 years. These include Drs. Bradley Slease and Cassandra Thomas at Helen Graham Cancer Center and Dr. Dan Vogl of Penn's Abramson Cancer Center; the nurses and staff of Drs. Slease and Thomas, especially Sandy, Carol, and Hope. Special thanks to the nursing staff of 6B and the dialysis unit at Christiana Hospital and the nursing staff at Heartland Hospice. Very, very special thanks to our family members, our dear friends, and neighbors. All have helped ease this difficult journey for Rus. Family and friends were invited to visit Holy Family Church, Chestnut Hill and Gender Roads, Newark on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:15 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:30 AM. The interment was in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to either the Blood Bank of Delmarva, 100 Hygeia Drive, Newark, DE 19713 ([www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org)), the Knights of Columbus Council #4548 at Holy Family Church, c/o 15 Gender Road, Newark, DE 19713, or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.



**RAYMOND D. "Ray" RYLANCE** - Died Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 72. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. Ray was born on April 21, 1945, in Saint Cloud, Minnesota to the late Allan and Ruby (née Anderson) Rylance. The family moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he spent his youth. He graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1963. Ray attended USD where he was a catcher for the baseball team. He was the first USD baseball player to be inducted into the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame. He earned all-North Central Conference honors in 1966 and 1967. In 1966, he led the team with a 0.351 average and was named the team's most valuable player. Ray graduated from the USD School of Business in 1967. Ray served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1973 rising to the rank of Captain. During that time, Ray was united in marriage to Roberta Gayle Andersen on June 30, 1968 and graduated from the USD School of Law in 1970. He was a Vietnam-era veteran. Upon completion of his time in the military the family returned to Mitchell, SD where Ray become owner and manager of Andersen Farms, Inc. Ray and his family moved to Watertown, SD, in 1986. He began a law practice with Wiles and Rylance which he continued until the time of his death. In 1989, he was chosen as the first 100-year South Dakota All-Time All-College baseball team. He became a supporter of Watertown athletics and was an active member of the Arrow Booster Club for 30 years. He served as president of the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown in 1990. Ray served as treasurer of the Watoma Club for 20 years and was responsible for the pole vault competition during the Watoma Relays. He received an award for outstanding service and served as an honorary referee at the 2000 Watoma Relays. He spent

more than 27 years as the clock operator at Watertown High School varsity football games. In 2017, Ray received a Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was active in the Elks Club and served as a trustee and treasure, receiving Elk of the Year in 1999-2000. Ray loved hunting and fishing but most of all he loved his family. He enjoyed attending the activities of his children and grandchildren over the years. Family gatherings were a source of much joy. He loved spending time at the lake, especially the 4th of July where fireworks were never in short supply. Christmas time was a favorite in the Rylance household, and one of Ray's favorite activities over the last few years was to make popcorn balls with his family to share with friends. Ray is survived by his wife, Roberta, of Watertown; his children, Jodi (Russ) Heins, of Sioux Falls, SD, Heath (Anne) Rylance, of Watertown, SD, and Dayna (John) Semchenko, of Brandon, SD; his brothers, Bob (Mary) Rylance, of New Prague, MN, John (Jill) Rylance, of Buffalo, MN, and Rick (Rhonda) Rylance, of Aberdeen, SD; his grandchildren, Austin and Zach Heins, Amanda Rylance-Bednar, Jennika, Kaden, and Nikolas Rylance, Lincoln and Andersen Semchenko, and; numerous friends and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents; twin grandsons, Luke and Tyler Heins; his granddaughter, Sydney Heins, and; his sister, Kathy Brick. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown. Reverend Kent Stillson and Pastor John Semchenko co-officiated. Music was provided by A. J. Sherrill as organist and Robbyn Givens as soloist. Visitation hours were at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Watertown on Thursday January 11, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and prior to services at the church on Friday. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Watertown. Military honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Marine Corps League - Kampeska N.E. Det. #1079, Watertown. Active pallbearers were the grandsons Austin and Zach Heins and nephews Chad, Steve, Jarrett, and Dan Andersen. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren, Amanda Rylance-Bednar, Jennika, Kaden and Nikolas Rylance, Lincoln and Andersen Semchenko and his coffee buddies.



**BRUNO M. SALAMUNIA** – Died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 after almost a yearlong battle with lung cancer. He was 69 years of age and a resident of Port Monmouth, New Jersey. Bruno was born on September 3, 1948 in Harz, Germany at the end of World War II, but came to America as a young child and grew up on Staten Island where he graduated from Port Richmond High School. Bruno served in the United States Air Force and did two tours of duty in Vietnam. While in the service he was trained as an electrician engineer and returned home to work for NJ Bell. After working for NJ Bell, he eventually worked for Verizon for 36 years. In 1972 he met the love of his life Peggy Lasek and they married a year later and moved to Port Monmouth to raise their two boys. After his retirement in 2001, Bruno became active in the local Senior Center, meals on wheels, the local chapters of the VFW, American Legion, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Before Vietnam he was an avid swing fan, and keeping up with technology, as well as Doo Wop music. He also rescued a Scottish Terrier. Bruno is survived by his wife Peggy, of 43 years; his sons, Keith (Victoria) of Roselle Park and Nichols (Veronica), of Jacksonville, FL; his sister, Lillian of

Ohio, and; with many nieces and nephews. Bruno was reposed at the Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home at 1735 Route 35, Middletown, NJ 07748 on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. A prayer service was offered at the Funeral Home on Monday night. Please donate to the ASPCA in Bruno's name.



**JAMES M. "Jimmy" SALBER** - Died Friday, August 25, 2017, in Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head due to years of suffering from PTSD. He was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on September 23, 1947. He was a sportsman, artist, gardener, decorated civilian pilot, patriot, veteran, friend, generous and gracious host. Loyal spouse, brother, uncle and son. "Pop" to Dakota, Shane, and most recently, his beloved hunting dog, Oz. We will miss his genuine warmth, kind heart and quiet, sensitive nature. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War from August 20, 1970, to January 15, 1972. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania**. He leaves behind his wife, Patricia "Patty" Swoyer-Salber; his brothers, Lee and Gary, and their wives, Iris and Sue; his nieces, Lauren Salber and Suzie Salber; his nephew, Rudy Salber, and; countless friends far and wide. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark by visiting [pjhumane.org/donate](http://pjhumane.org/donate). Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 W. Harford St., Milford, Pennsylvania was in charge of the arrangements.



**THEODORE FREDERICK "Ted" SANDS** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, November 8, 2016, in Gulf Breeze, Florida, the age of 75, on November 8, 2016. He was formerly of Winchester, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was born into the Sac and Fox Tribe in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 13, 1941. His life was led by an iron will and strength of character, yet he had a gentle caring nature that is hard to match. To those who served with him in the United States Army during his military career he was a hero, having served two tours in Vietnam, and retired as a First Sergeant, having earned a Bronze Star medal. He didn't want to go back for the second tour, but felt it was his obligation to help save at least some of the young soldiers who fought in that terrible war. We recognize his honorable service to our country and thank him for being a father who taught his children how to be strong. We will miss him and look forward to seeing him again when the Lord calls us home. His body which endured much pain and suffering from Agent Orange poisoning can now find rest. We love you Dad and are blessed to have spent our lives with you! He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Keene Chapter #1034**. Ted is survived by Irene, his devoted and loving wife of 37 years; his children, Michelle, Debbie, and Jason; daughter-in-law, Caryn, sons-in-law, Ed and Mark; seven grandchildren; his many nieces and nephews; and the mother of his children; June Simmons. A special thank you to Irene DelBono (niece) who has been a true blessing to our family through this time. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Lewis Funeral Home, Navarre Chapel. Visitation hours were held

from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, prior to the services. The burial was held at 9:30 AM on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola Naval Air Station.

**EDWARD JOSEPH “Eddie” SARGENT** - Died peacefully on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 87. He was a resident of Leesburg, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York and moved to Leesburg, FL in 1977. Eddie was preceded in death by the "love of his life" Ruth K. (née Mooney) Sargent. Together, Eddie and Ruth had four children, June Vines of Leesburg, FL, Jerome Sargent (died 1979), Thomas Sargent of Fruitland Park, FL, Richard Sargent Sr of Leesburg, FL. His grandchildren, Danielle Moore of Wildwood, FL, Jeri Sargent of Leesburg, FL, Nicole Spivey of Oviedo, FL, Amber Sargent of Fruitland Park, FL, Richard Sargent Jr of Belchertown, MA, April Sargent of Leesburg, FL, Brandie and Branden Walker (twins) of Groveland, FL. His great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Mauldin, Natalie Spivey, Shelby Moore, Katy Sargent, Glenn Johnson, Jordan Shiver, Kilonzo Walker, Zuri Spurlock. His brother Lt. Col Frank Sargent of Tavares, FL and sister, Margaret Maidhoff (deceased). Eddie was a United States Army Korean war veteran. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* in the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida – **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**. He spent most of his career working in the grocery business ending the last 15 years with Publix for which he loved the company, his fellow co-workers, and customers. Eddie enjoyed volunteering for the Leesburg High School marching band and loved being a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America. He enjoyed camping, boating, and fishing. A devoted husband, loving father, and wonderful grandfather and great grandfather. He was just one of those people that everyone that met him, loved him. Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. A funeral mass was held at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Leesburg at 8:30 AM on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Graveside services were in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at 11:00 AM.



**JAMES “Terry” SARNESES** - Died Sunday, September 17, 2017 in Gainesville, Florida, at the age of 70. He was a resident of Old Town, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1947 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, to the late James and Elizabeth Sarnese. He proudly served in the United States Army and was of the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Unionville, CT and of the VFW in PA and CT. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Connecticut**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard work, spending time with his fur-babies, and teaching his daughters how to be independent. He also enjoyed reading by the fireplace, rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and most of all, spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his father: James "Jimmy" Sarnese. He is survived by his daughters: Dominique Grabulis (Mike) of Unionville, CT, Gabrielle Nadeau (Tim) of Unionville, CT; grandchildren: Adrianna and Isabella; mother: Betty Sarnese of Farmington, CT; brother: Rick Sarnese (Tsani) of West Hartford, CT; nephews: Michael (Brittany Grimm) and James and grandcat: Calypso. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the NRA ([NRA.org](http://NRA.org)) or the DAV ([DAV.org](http://DAV.org)). A graveside service was held on Thursday,

September 21, 2017, at 11:00 AM at Florida National Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.



**JOHN THOMAS SCHWEICH** - Died Monday, November 27, 2017 at Beaver Valley Health and Rehab in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Brighton Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1945 in Frackville, Pennsylvania, to the late John Paul and Mary Alice (née Durkin) Schweich. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army and retired from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. John was a Penn State graduate in 1967 and attended George Washington University where he completed graduate studies. Following college, he was a member of the CIA for 33 years, where he retired from the Senior Intelligence Service in 2003. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862*. He traveled extensively and was fluent in several languages. John's interests included Russian and Eastern European studies as well as baseball. Surviving is his loving wife of 44 years, Linda (née Amon) Schweich; his son, Nicholas George Schweich, of Beaver; his sister-in-law, Janet (Charles) Fryman, of Hermitage; three nieces, Amy Fryman, of Sharon; Abby Fryman Cannone, of Mount Lebanon and MaKenzie Fryman Ngai, of Indiana, PA, and; his nephew, Todd Fryman, of Huntington Beach, California. As per the family's requests all services were private. Arrangements were handled by the Gabauer-Lutton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 1117 Fifth Avenue., Beaver Falls, [gabauerfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://gabauerfamilyfuneralhomes.com). Interment took place in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, where full military honors were conducted. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 South Clark Street, Suite #910, Arlington, VA 22202 or the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, 1101 Western Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.



**ROBERT A. "Bob" SCOTT** – Died Thursday, November 10, 2016 in Orlando, Florida at the age of 64. He was originally from Woonsocket, Rhode Island for most of his life. The cause of death was heart and lung disease. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on January 3, 1952 to the late Henry "Busty" Scott and the late Irene Squash (née Provencal) Scott. He was the husband of Carol A. (née Laplume) Scott, whom he married June 18, 1977. They were married for 39 years. He graduated from Woonsocket High School and served in the United States Navy, serving in the Vietnam War. He worked for several Housing Complexes as a maintenance man, until he became ill from heart and lung disease. He was a gold club maker, took classes in Texas, and enjoyed playing the game. He was also an emergency room volunteer at Landmark Medical Center, later getting his CNA license working part time there. Besides his

wife Carol, he is survived by a son, Christopher “Chris” Scott, of Providence; two daughters, Donna Scott and fiancé Bobby Ndiaye, of Woonsocket and Sally Scott, of Warwick, Rhode Island, and; one granddaughter, Khady, the joy of his life. Bob also leaves one sister Nancy Scott, of Orlando; one brother, Earl Scott, of California, and; the late brother, Raymond Scott, formerly of Woonsocket. Bob was active with the YMCA volleyball team and traveling team, the Jaycee Organization and adult baseball teams. Later in life, he worked with Adoption RI with parents in adoption classes. He was a longtime member of the Woonsocket Elks Lodge #338, and Orlando Lodge #296. While with the Woonsocket Chapter, he worked on the kitchen committee. Bob loved to cook, one of his greatest passions. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. He was a member of the Mended Hearts Organization (A cardiac support group for people with heart disease), serving on the convention committee from 2010 through 2014, as Assistant Regional Director of the Northeast Region and later as Regional Director. He started the first Mended Hearts Support Group at Landmark Medical Center, serving as its first president. Bob served on the National Board of Directors 2011 through 2013, traveling to Washington, DC to advocate about heart disease and talk about living with the disease. After moving to Orlando with his wife, Carol, he worked for a time as a Greeter at Disney's Epcot. And lastly, he had just finished training at the Lake Nona VA Medical Center in Orlando to become a volunteer there. Bob never let his illness stop him. He never gave up and had a positive outlook on life. Private services were provided by Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home in Orlando.



**RAYMOND “Ray” SEPULVEDA** - Died Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on August 3, 1951 in Brownsville, Texas to the late Salomon and Ramona Sepulveda. He grew up in Harlingen. He graduated from Harlingen High School in 1969. Ray, a veteran of the **Vietnam War**, served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1973 and was a "Sky Soldier" of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team. After returning from Vietnam, he married Blanca Rodriguez, mother of his four children. He worked diligently to establish Sepulveda Painting Company as well as the Harlingen Boxing Club, and S & S Promotions. At the time, it would be the only boxing gym in the lower valley. He trained hundreds of professional boxers who shared his passion for the sport. He also promoted and organized fights for local fighters in Harlingen and later, he brought several championship bouts to be hosted at South Padre Island. A short time after, he became an International Boxing Agent and was blessed with countless opportunities to travel to different countries around the world. As an agent, he would represent professional boxers from the U.S. and Mexico. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**. Ray lived a very health oriented and active lifestyle. He loved walking around the Harlingen city lake in the early mornings and evenings. He always encouraged exercise and healthy eating to his children. His hobbies and interests included traveling, taking spontaneous road trips, learning about different cultures, watching boxing, exercising, and going to the island. He was a loving husband, proud father and grandfather, and a devout Catholic who

always stood firm in his faith and never parted ways without saying, "God bless you." Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Patricia Pacheco; his four children Eric Sepulveda (Norma), Christopher Sepulveda (Valerie), Sara Sepulveda (Martin Ortega), and Amanda Sepulveda; his seven grandchildren, Eric, Evan, Angelina, Alyssa, Skylar, Serena, and Stella; his sister, Isabel Kirk (Dr. Richard Kirk) and nephews John Garcia (Desirae) and Jay Garcia (Elizabeth). Visitation hours were held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Saint Anthony Catholic Church. Interment was in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors under the auspices of VFW Post #2035. Honored to serve as pallbearers were Eric Lane Sepulveda, John Garcia, Richard Kirk, Cesar Pacheco, Bradley Wall, Eugene Garza, and Cipriano Galvan. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home 1002 East Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, TX 78550.



**NORBERT GEORGE "Moe" SHAFFER** - Died Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at his home in Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 71 surrounded by his family. He was born in Pottstown on October 22, 1945 to the late P. Francis and Alice (née Shafer) Shaffer. He was the husband of S. Eileen (née DeBoard) Shaffer. Moe was a *Life Member* and *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pottstown Chapter #565**. He was also a life member of Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion Post #47, member of Pottstown/Stowe Lions Club, holding several offices and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, Stichter Lodge #254 F&AM Pottstown, Scottish Rite Mason 32-degree Valley of Reading, and F.O.P Montgomery Lodge #14. He served on the 4th of July Committee and was instrumental in construction in the Vietnam Veteran Memorial in Memorial Park, Pottstown. Moe was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He started his police career in the Pottstown Auxiliary Police Force in 1971, and also served as dispatcher for the police force. He then went on to work for the Upper Pottsgrove PD from 1973 to 1980, and then the West Pottsgrove PD for 24 years, retiring in 2003. He loved reading about the civil war and enjoyed going to numerous battlefields with his family. He loved to hunt and fish and going to Knoebels and Delaware and Rehoboth Beach with his family. Surviving with his wife of 49 years is son, Brian K. Shaffer, of Gilbertsville; his daughter, Denise M. Friz, wife of Russell, of Boyertown; his brother, Dennis Shaffer, husband of Patricia, of Spring City; and grandchildren, Allison and Erik Shaffer and Jake and Leah Friz. A funeral service was on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM at the Catagnus Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Inc., 711 North Franklin Street, Pottstown. Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park. Visitation hours were on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Monday from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Norbert's name to either Vietnam Veterans Memorial, PO Box 472, Pottstown, PA 19464 or Pottstown VNA, 1963 East High Street, Suite #200, Pottstown, PA 19464.





**WILLIAM LLOYD "Bill" SHANKS, SR.** - Died peacefully on Saturday, September 30, 2017 with family by his side at Marshfield Medical Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Stratford, Wisconsin. The cause of death was a blood disorder. Bill was born on October 28, 1950 to the late Kenneth and Helen (née Yagr Shanks) and was raised in Stratford. He was a 1968 graduate of Stratford High School. He then enlisted in the United States Army serving from 1970 – 1971 during the Vietnam War and then served for many years in the National Guard. He had several careers including, farming in Wisconsin, heavy hauling in Texas and truck driving in Wisconsin. For 14 years he owned and operated WD's Transport. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wausau Chapter #479**. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, activities with the VFW, DAV and VVA and spending time with his family, especially the last few years with his grandchildren. Bill is survived by his wife, Diane; his sons, Bill (Karen) Shanks, Jr., Ed (Cherada) Shanks; his stepson, Randy Engelbretson, and; six grandchildren. He is further survived by his mother, Helen Shanks; his sisters, Joanne (Mike) Jirschelle, Mary (Bill) Newman and Kathy Shanks; a brother, Robert (Penny) Shanks, and; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, where the visitation was from 9:00 AM on Saturday until the service time. Reverend Sue Eidahl officiated, and the burial took place in the Hillside Cemetery where military rites were conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6352 of Stratford. Sauter / Rembs Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



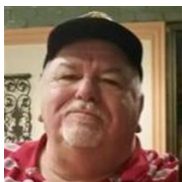
**LARRY ALAN SIEVERS** – Died Saturday, March 11, 2017 in Aurelia, Iowa at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 1, 1949 in Cherokee, Iowa to the late Lorenz Henry Sievers and Erna Elizabeth (née Otto) Sievers. Following graduation from Aurelia High School in 1967, Larry served with the United States Army in the Vietnam War. Upon his return he attended Universal Trades in Omaha, Nebraska, where he became a mechanic. He made his life in Aurelia where he attended Saint Paul Lutheran Church, farmed his family's land, and worked for Simonsen Rendering where he retired in 2015. Upon retirement he enjoyed small construction projects, sharing a beverage with the locals, watching old westerns, and visiting his grandson and family in Ames. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**. Surviving Larry in death are his son, Daniel (Brooke) Sievers of Ames; his grandson, Harlan Sievers; his brother, Dale (Janet) Sievers; his niece, Micki (Jeff) Feilmeier, and; four great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his former spouse, Karen Lee and stepchildren, Kelly Simon and John Simon. Memorial services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Aurelia,

with Pastor Larry Lemke officiating. Inurnment was in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery, Storm Lake. Visitation was one hour prior to the memorial services at the church. The Redig Funeral Home in Aurelia was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials will be given to the Saint Paul Lutheran Church of Aurelia.

**ROBERT C. SIMS** – Died recently in 2017 in Arcadia, Louisiana at the age 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 21, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**.



**NICK FRED SINEVECK III** - Died Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in Greensboro, North Carolina at the age of 71 after a brief illness. The of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Wayne, Michigan on October 30, 1946 and graduated from Clary Business College and the University of Michigan. He lived for several years in the mountains of North Carolina and then made his way to Greensboro where he met his partner and wife of 27 years Patricia Lasek-Sineveck. He was employed at Electrical South/Schneider Electric for 24 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from August 25, 1969 to June 1, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a die-hard University of Michigan fan and a proud *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Nick was the consummate joke teller and as he would say a “good astrologer”. A lover of animals large and small always making sure the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks never went hungry. He yearned for a horse one day. He was an excellent cook whose recipes were admired by many. He was also a meticulous handyman. He was predeceased by one sister, Eva and leaves behind his wife, Patricia, beloved dog Casey, brothers Terry, Perry, Bill and a niece and nephew.



**BURVIN TERRY SMITH** - Died Sunday, November 5, 2017 at his home in Corsicana, Texas at the age of 68, with his family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. Terry was born on February 5, 1949 in Corsicana to the late Thomas Burvin Smith and Allene Marie (née Chapman) Smith who survives. He married Charlotte Smith on May 3, 1985 at Saint Luke United Methodist Church in Corsicana. He was a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran serving in the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He served as a firefighter in Corsicana and went on to work and retired from Big Brown in Fairfield. He was a proud member of the Corsicana Masonic Lodge and Saint Luke United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Marie Smith, and his mother Allene Marie Chapman, and parents Burvin and Beth Smith. Survivors include daughters Amanda Al Omari, and Karen Goode; grandchildren, Courtney Thompson, Katie Thompson, Haley Garland, Michael Reed, Hagen Parten, and Beaux Clark. He is also

survived by his siblings Carla Freeman, Diane Boling, Ron Smith, Bari Bellicini and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and long-time caregiver, Delores Anderson. Visitation with his family will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 9, 2017 in the chapel at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home. Interment was in the Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Saint Luke United Methodist Church at 2308 Bowie Drive, Corsicana, Texas 75110. Arrangements were made by the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana.



**FRANKLIN DEAN SMITH I** - Died Friday, December 29, 2017 in Carlyle, Illinois at the age of 75 after a yearlong battle with lung cancer. He was born on April 6, 1942 in Breese, Illinois to the late Lela (née Parson) and Robert F. Smith. Franklin and Judy Leith were married on August 25, 1973 at the Carlyle United Methodist Church. Franklin is survived by his wife, Judy of Carlyle; 2 sons: Franklin D. Smith II of St. Louis, Missouri, and Cody (Cassie) Smith of Carlyle; grandson Edison Lewis Smith of Carlyle; Foster brother John Jackson of Greenville; Uncles and Aunts: Earl Parson of Carlyle, Stanley (Natalie) Parson of Sandoval, and Warren “Nip” (Cherie) Parson of Lindale, Texas; Cousins: Carla (Larry) Boyd of Carlyle, Rick (Jean) Parson of Carlyle, Garrick (Christy) Parson of Sandoval, Chad (Kathy) Parson of Sandoval, Linda (Bill) Bearly of Carlyle, Dixie Parson of Carlyle, William Smith of Romowa, California, Michael Smith of Belleville, Joseph Smith of Freeburg, Alfred Smith of Dupo, and Edward Smith of Hallister, Missouri, Joe (Mary) Grubb of Carlyle; Brothers-in-law: Bill (Jeane) Leith of Carlyle and Jerry (Susie) Leith of Bluford; Sister-in-law: Brenda Leith of Palatka, Florida; life-long friend Paul “Buddy” Kramer of Fairfield, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews. Franklin was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Lela Smith and infant brother Samuel R. Smith of Carlyle; In-laws LeRoy and Velma Leith of Carlyle. Franklin served in the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas from 1964-1966. He worked at Jasper’s Harley Davidson in Centralia as a teenager where he met and remained friends with many local motorcycle riders and racers. Motorcycles were his passion. He worked as a printer for the Union Banner, a gun designer for Shawnee Gun Works, but spent most of his life as a carpenter. His most recent and favorite gig was that of Technical Advisor at Hart Racing in Centralia where he and Judy so enjoyed spending time with Roy and James Hart, Nick and Dallas Daniels, Shane Piercy, Bobby Furlong, Dave Marshoff, Barry Bauman Family, and Donna and Mike Collier. He and Judy truly loved attending motorcycle races and visiting with very special motorcycle friends Betty and Lynn Hawkins. Franklin and Judy are the Ride Directors of Bikes Around the Lake which is a motorcycle fundraiser for American Legion Post #404 of Carlyle. Franklin was a member of American Legion Post #404 in Carlyle where he served as Vice-Commander, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269**, and The Illinois Patriot Guard. Franklin served on the Veterans Tribute Steering Committee and Fund-Raising Committee for the Veterans Tribute at Kaskaskia College. In Clinton County most people are dubbed with a nickname. In 1957 when the Government was launching rockets into space Shirley Grayling coined the nickname “Sputnik” for Franklin. It seemed he and his buddy Dennis Thorman tried to copy the government’s idea by sending their

own homemade rockets up all over the neighborhood. The nickname has stuck for the last 60 years. Shirley was also the person responsible for starting his love of motorcycles. While Truman was at work Shirley would take Truman's motorcycle out and ride it around the neighborhood giving free rides to Dennis and Franklin. The Graylings later sold Franklin his first motorcycle, an Indian. Franklin enjoyed hunting and fishing with Larry Wiebler and Cody, spending time and Barbequing at Diekemper's Clubhouse with Wayne and the guys, attending motorcycle races with the Hawkins, Skeet and Trap shooting with Bernie Rowekamp, collecting anything and everything, discussing cars with Gary Hellmann, checking on Mark Synder and Chris at the Body Shop, discussing old times with Bill Beckemeyer, fires in the backyard with Troy and Jami Spaur, Beak, Jenny, and Bennett Quinn, and correcting all the world's problems with the late Ed Kleber at his clubhouse. He especially enjoyed including Judy on all his adventures and spending time with Frankie, Cody, Cassie and Grandson Edison. Franklin's favorite 3 Holidays of the year were Memorial Day Springfield Mile, Labor Day Springfield Mile, The Annual Newkirk/Boatright/Anyone Who Ever Set Foot On The Root Beer Stand Property Reunion the last Saturday in September at the Fish Hatchery where he, Mike, Barry, Dave, Doug, Larry, Lynn, and Scarborough could catch up on old times. Visitation for Franklin was held on Friday, January 5, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and again on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Services were on January 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Zieren Funeral Home. Burial was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be received at Zieren Funeral Home in Carlyle.

**GERALD C. "Jerry" SMITH** – Died Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in Kingstree, South Carolina at the age of 59, following a courageous battle after complications from liver-resection surgery in June 2008, at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, NC. He was born on May 28, 1949, in Darlington, South Carolina to the late Frances (née Stokes) Smith and the late Leon Kendall Smith, Sr., of Kingstree. He was quite a remarkable man. Jerry was a constant source of love and strength for his family throughout his life. He fought in Vietnam as a captain in the United States Marine Corps and worked as a U.S. postal carrier for 29 years. He was a devoted father, husband and brother. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**. Jerry is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, Mary Jo (née McElveen) Smith; his daughter, Leslie Smith McKenzie of Columbia; his two brothers and their wives, Samuel Smith and Laurie Searle of Atlanta, GA, and Kendall and Gwen Smith of Milan, TN; their children, Natasha, Tracey, Matthew and Ken, also of Milan, TN, and Michelle of Florence, SC. Jerry was also cherished by his two sisters-in-law, Julianne Brown and Ginny Graham-Peele, both of Kingstree. He also had many nieces and nephews including Jay and Karen Brown and their daughters, Milli Ann and Emma Kate of Kingstree, Laurie Ann and Andy Stevenson and their children, Drew, Will and Mac of Columbia, SC, Brantley Graham of Lake City, and Tre Graham of Florence. Jerry had one brother-in-law, Joe Peele of Kingstree. A celebration of the life of Gerald C. "Jerry" Smith was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Academy Street in Kingstree with interment on Saturday afternoon in Grove Hill Cemetery, Darlington, SC. The family received visitors from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Williamsburg Funeral Home on East Main Street in Kingstree. Memorials may be made to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, 411 North Academy Street, Kingstree, SC, the Presbyterian

Hospital Foundation, c/o Presbyterian Hospital, PO Box 33549, Charlotte, NC 28233 or Disabled American Veterans, 1224 M Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20005-5183.



**ROY EDWARD SMITH** - Died Sunday, April 2, 2017 in Upper West Brighton section of Staten Island, New York at the age of 67. He died from 9/11-related lung cancer caused by his service at the World Trade Center site following the 9/11 attacks. He was born on November 21, 1949 in Staten Island to the late Anna (née Lukasiwicz) Smith and John Pershing Smith. Roy is survived by his wife of 44 years and high school sweetheart, Olga (née Nichols) Smith, a.k.a. "Oogie"; his two daughters, Melissa Erdelyi and Melanie Smith, whom he loved with all his heart, and his two grandchildren, Brielle Smith and Blake Erdelyi, whom he lived for; his love is eternal. Roy attended and graduated from PS 22, IS 51, Port Richmond High School and Manhattan Community College, where he obtained his Associate of Arts degree. Joining the United States Air Force at age 17, Roy quickly rose through the ranks, achieving the rank of United States Air Force Sergeant, and became the youngest staff sergeant in the USAF when he was promoted to that rank at that time. Roy proudly served in the USAF for four years and was a Vietnam veteran, where he was assigned as an air traffic controller in Phu Bai. Prior to being selected as a member of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), Roy was the original proprietor of Giggles in Stapleton. At age 36, Roy was the oldest "Probie" to serve at that time. Roy proudly served the FDNY in the capacity as a firefighter and union delegate at Engine 16, Ladder 7, in Manhattan and Engine 156 "Broadway Express" in Staten Island, where he retired from after 20 years of dedicated service. On Sept. 11, 2001, Roy was on duty and responded to the call after the first hijacked airliner struck the World Trade Center. Roy's acts of heroism are not surprising. He was a brave and fearless man and a devout patriot. Roy will always be one of New York's Bravest. He loved his brothers at the firehouse; spending time with his family and grandchildren; pitching on the Gene Thomas softball league, where he was nicknamed "Cat Smith" for being the strikeout pitcher; watching his New York Yankees and Jets; attending the Henry and Stanley Chichon VFW Post #1578 and playing in his organized dart and pool leagues, which he excelled in. Roy was a funny guy who loved his road trips with his friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation Viewing will be held at Casey Funeral Home, S.I. N.Y. 10314, on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The funeral was held at the Casey Funeral Home on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 11:00 AM followed by a procession to Rosedale Rosehill Cemetery, 355 East Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, for a formal FDNY farewell.

**JAMES R. "Jim" SMOOT** – Died Sunday, December 11, 2015 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death was kidney disease and bladder cancer caused by contaminated water in Camp Lejeune. He was born in Bremerton, Washington on July 4, 1945, surrounded by his wife Donna and his daughter by his side. Jim is also survived by one sister; two brothers; two grandsons, and; one son-in-law. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the

Vietnam War and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227*. A private Memorial Service was held. Arrangements were made by Oakey's North Chapel.



**BILLY HAROLD SORRELLS** (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Arkansas Hospice River Valley Home in Russellville, Arkansas at the age of 78. He was a resident of Russellville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 6, 1938 in Tucker, Arkansas to the late William and Anna (née Coleman) Sorrells. Billy obtained a Master of Arts degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He married Betty Sorrells, on March 14, 1981 at the First United Methodist Church in Dardanelle. Billy retired after 22 years of service to the United States Army rising to the rank of Major. Some of Billy's accomplishments included being inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame for bravery, writing and obtaining the grant for the Pope County Senior Activity Center. Billy was a member of the Military Officer's Association, Rogers-Rye Post #2283 of the VFW, The Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Lion's Club, Methodist Men, and served as the Election Committee Chairman. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas*. He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church where he had served as Chair of Trustees and Chair of Staff Parish Relations. Billy also enjoyed fishing, restoring antique cars, cooking, loved people and storytelling. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Johnny Sorrells; a granddaughter, Kristy Sorrells; a great-grandson, Taylor Pruitt; a brother, William L. Sorrells; three sisters, Mildred Marshall, Vivian Godwin and Joann Edwards. Billy is survived by his Wife, Betty Sorrells of Russellville; eight daughters, Judy Huffman, Sharon Pruitt (John) both of Atkins, Patricia Plummer (Keith) of Lawton, OK, Debbie Logue (Scott) of Cabot, Dianna Humphries (Markett) of Jacksonville, Debora Hanson of New Braunfels, TX, Kim Lowrey of Russellville and Heather Hibbs (Bryan) of Mahomet, IL; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 26, 2017 at Humphrey Chapel. Reverends David Ruehr and Rex Darling co-officiated. Burial with full military honors was at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Russellville, AR by Humphrey Funeral Service. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 300 North Cumberland Avenue, Russellville, Arkansas 72801.

**HERBERT E. STALLINGS** – Died Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 7, 1948 in Cumberland. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172*.



**RAYMOND WAYNE "Ray" STANGER** - Died Saturday, January 20, 2018, at

his home in Rigby, Idaho at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. He was formerly a resident of Grant, Idaho. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was under the care of his loving family and Brio Home Health and Hospice. He was born on March 15, 1946 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to the late Thomas and Mary Stanger. Ray attended schools in the Idaho Falls area. Ray loved his country even at an early age. He voluntarily joined the United States Army in January of 1966. He served honorably in the Vietnam War. Ray was a member of the American Legion, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2146 and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972*. In November 1971, he married the love of his life Roxann Moedl. It was a small but beautiful family ceremony. Together they had two children Brandy Nicole and Bradley Ray. They created many wonderful family memories in the 46 years they shared. Ray enjoyed traveling the lower 48 states and some of Canada while being a "professional tourist". He was a long-haul truck driver and heavy equipment operator. He also had a love for the outdoors. Some of the things he enjoyed was fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, picking huckleberries, long Sunday drives that usually included a picnic and camping. All of these activities included his family. Ray is survived by his loving and caring wife, Roxann; daughter, Brandy (Eric) Skaar; son, Brad (Laci) Stanger; his grandchildren that he cherished and was so proud of Brett (Nichole) Skaar, Brady (Alyssa) Skaar, Hailie Stanger and Hannah Stanger and a great grandchild on the way; brothers, Lloyd (Linda) Stanger and Calvin (Darla) Stanger; sisters, Patricia Daniel, Janice (Richard) Stephens, and Karen (Ray) Hannah; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, a sister and her husband, Bonnie and Claire Killian. Graveside services were held at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2018, at the Grant Central Cemetery. The family visited with friends from 1:00-2:00 PM prior at Wood Funeral Home (273 North Ridge). People were asked to bring a written memory of Ray to the Celebration of Life which was held at 4:30 PM following the graveside services at the Veterans Memorial Building, 485 Constitution Way. In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations be made to the local VFW Chapter, VFW Post #2146, 485 Constitution Way, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401 or Brio Home Health and Hospice, 120 North Woodruff, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401.

**MAX HUGH STANLEY** - Died Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in Flowery Branch, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 14, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772*. Services were on November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM at the Memorial Park South Cemetery in Flowery Branch, Georgia.



**ROBERT MONTGOMERY STERRETT** (USA, CW4-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, November 15, 2006 in the Northwest Medical Center of Benton County in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 76. He was a resident of Bella Vista, Arkansas. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born on December 2, 1929 in Grove City, Pennsylvania to the late Annie T. and Charles E. Sterrett. He graduated from Grove City High School in May 1947, entering the United States Army in December 1948, retiring from active service March 1981 at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma with rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He married Betty (née Thompson) Sterrett on January 31, 1952. She preceded him in death in 2003. He married Lorna Carr on March 20, 2004. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. He was a member of the Bella Vista VFW Post #9063; Bella Vista VFW Honor Guard; was a Stephen Minister; Bella Vista Crime watch; Volunteer at VAMC of Fayetteville and was a member of the Arkansas Veteran’s Commission. He was a member of the Bentonville/Bella Vista Evening Lion’s Club and Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas*. He also was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Lorna Sterrett, of Bella Vista, Arkansas; three daughters, Bettina Moxley and husband, E.P. “Jack”, of Charleston, Missouri, Bridget Luckert and husband, Vern, of Ottawa, Kansas, Bali Ree Tucker and husband, Ronald, of Yukon, Oklahoma; one stepdaughter, Amy Venter and husband Quentin, of Anderson, Missouri; two stepsons, Scott Carr, of Moore, Oklahoma, Brian Carr and wife, Sue, of Sioux Center, Iowa; one sister, Marty Sterrett Kreiling, of Tucson, Arizona; two brothers, James E. Sterrett, of Palo Alto, California, John S. Sterrett, of Houston, Texas, and; seven grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 18, 2006 at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, 1880 Forest Hills Boulevard, Bella Vista, Arkansas with Pastor John Conley and Pastor Tracy Evans co-officiating. Inurnment services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 20, 2006 at the Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas with Military Honors by the VFW Post #9063. Arrangements were by the Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Boulevard, Bella Vista, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, 1880 Forest Hills Boulevard, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715 or to the Regional National Cemetery Improvement Corporation, P.O. Box 4221, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

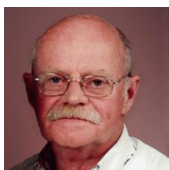
**LEE V. SULLIVAN** – Died Monday, January 1, 2018 in Hecla, South Dakota at the age of 73. Lee was a resident of North Dakota at the time of passing. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 11, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054*. His memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Hecla Community Center in Hecla, SD. Burial took place in the Hecla City Cemetery. The Hecla American Legion Post #68 provided the military honors and VVA Chapter #1054 was represented by posting the VVA flag.





**PAUL L. SZKATULSKI** - Died Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the University of Michigan Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death was MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome), hepatopulmonary syndrome. He was born on February 15, 1948 in Toledo to the late Joseph and Pearl (née Popek) Szkatulski. Paul retired in 2007 after being employed for over 30 years by Chrysler Toledo Machining Plant in Perrysburg. A United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the VFW Buddy Frankowski Post #5530, AMVETS Post #1010 and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Paul was a “foodie” and always enjoyed going to a restaurant for a good meal. He always enjoyed being around people and traveling to destinations in Mexico, New Orleans, LA, Savannah, GA and the Caribbean. Paul loved watching old movies, especially Svengoolie. He was a parishioner of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church. Paul is survived by his wife, Denise Szkatulski; daughter, Sabrina (Anthony) Christy; son, Shawn Szkatulski (Shanna Hartley); step-grandchildren, Ashley, Anthony and Nick Christy; sister, Beverly Burzynski; brother-in-law, Alvin Piotrowski; and nieces and nephews, Bruce (Sandy), Renee, Jay (Laura), and Carrie Burzynski, Karin (Kevin) Smith, and Jeffrey Piotrowski. Family and friends visited on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Sujkowski Funeral Home Northpointe, 114 East Alexis Road. The Memorial Service for Paul was at 1:00 PM in the funeral home with Deacon Robert Lesinski presided. Military Honors were presented by the Lucas County Burial Corps. Memorial donations may be given in support of the Adult BMT and Leukemia Patient Assistance Fund. Checks may be made payable to “University of Michigan” and sent to Michigan Medicine Office of Development, 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite #100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You may also call 734-764-6777 or visit the website [victors.us/paulszkatulski](http://victors.us/paulszkatulski) to make your gift. Paul’s Family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Bradley Sachs and his staff; Dr. Attaphol Pawarode and his staff; and the doctors and nurses of the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and the Critical Care Unit of the University of Michigan Hospital for their expert and compassionate care of Paul.

**DARRELL D. TAYLOR** – Died Saturday, May 27, 2017 in Sant Antonio, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 21, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.



**JERRY DANIEL TAYLOR** - Died Friday, October 20, 2017 in Richmond, Indiana at the age of 71, surrounded by his family at his home. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, chronic hypercapneic respiratory failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary failure and chronic bronchitis. He was born on December 6, 1945, in Richmond, Indiana, to the late Hubert and Mary Alice (née Allen) Taylor. Jerry was a life-long resident of Wayne County. He was a

United States Army veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. Jerry was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**, VFW Kirk-Little Post #1108, and American Legion Harry Ray Post #65. Survivors include his wife, Linda K. (née Tanner) Taylor; daughters, Sheryl Taylor of Richmond, Dee Dee (Christy Jones) Fussner of Florida, Tina Ross of Richmond, and Mary (Carson) Eversole of Liberty, Indiana; grandchildren, Louis Fussner, Gabriel Brough, twins Courtney and Matthew Flood, Kaetlin Eversole, Cameron Gwin, Carson Z. Eversole, and Michael Eversole; brother, J.T. (Peggy) Taylor of Arizona; sisters, Margaret Callahan of Richmond and Jo Ann Pratt of Texas; a host of nieces and nephews; cousins; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Daniel Ross; sister; and two brothers. Visitation for Jerry Daniel Taylor was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 23, 2017, at the Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at the Doan and Mills Funeral Home. The burial was in the Earlham Veterans Field of Honor with military honors provided by the Wayne County Honor Guard.

**ROBERT G. TAYLOR, JR.** – Died Monday, January 22, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky on January 7, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He enlisted on July 27, 1962 and was discharged on October 10, 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**.



**JOSEPH ALBERT TEER, SR.** - Died Sunday, December 4, 2016 at Rutland Regional Medical Center at the age of 68, with his family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1948 in Danby, Vermont to the late Albert Frank and Marion Elizabeth (née Stone) Teer. He grew up in Danby. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966, served three tours in Vietnam prior to his discharge as a corporal in 1969. Mr. Teer married Coreen Reed on March 29, 1969. He was employed at several area companies as a truck driver and laborer prior to working at Rutland Health and Rehab as a maintenance man. He retired in 2011. He was a member of American Legion Post #31 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. Mr. Teer enjoyed maple sugaring, woodworking, hunting and camping. Survivors include his wife, of Middletown Springs; three children, Tina Crandall, of Poultney, Joseph Teer, Jr., of Middletown Springs and Brian Teer, of Fort Ann, New York; six siblings, Mary King, of North Clarendon, Judy Trombley, of Bennington, Linda Hooker, of South Wallingford, Martha Crilly, of Rutland, Sue Martell, of Eagle Bridge, New York, Walter Teer, Sr., of Danby; six grandchildren, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by four siblings Etta Jackson in 2002, Robert Teer in 1998, Peter Teer in 2010 and Frank Teer Sr. in 2011. Calling hours were from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main Street, Rutland. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the funeral home and followed by burial in the Danby Scottsville Cemetery and then a reception. Memorial contributions may be made to Dodge House, 95 Crescent Street, Rutland, VT 05701.



**JOHN N. THOELE** - Died Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at his residence in Breese, Illinois at the age of 68. The cause of death was malignant neoplasm of oropharynx. He was born on December 20, 1949 in Breese to the late Alvin and Mary Ann (née Fuehne) Thoele. He is survived by his wife, Mary Thoele of Breese, whom he married January 9, 1996 in Las Vegas, NV; son, John Ivan (Becky) Thoele of Surprise, AZ; step-son, Shane Passafaro of Belleville; grandchildren, Jacob, McKenzie, Amelia, and Max Thoele; siblings, Allen "AT" Thoele of Germantown and Anne (Garry) Hellman of Breese; sister-in-law, Linda (Rick) Lindell of Colona and Shelly Beckel of Junction City, KS. John was a veteran of the United States Army and retired as a Contracting Specialist for the Army Corps of Engineers. He was a member of Saint Boniface Catholic Church, American Legion Post #325, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Breese Chapter #269*, and Saint Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary. Memorial Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown with Reverend Father George Mauck presiding. Burial of cremains were in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Saint Louis with full military honors accorded. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 from 8:30-10:15 AM at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family and will be received at the church or through Moss Funeral Home who is serving the Thoele family.



**OSCAR THOMAS, JR.** - Died Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in East Providence, Rhode Island. At the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1936 in Twiggs County, Georgia to the late Oscar Thomas, Sr. and the late Mary Elizabeth (née Barron) Thomas. He served and retired from the United States Navy with honors during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rhode Island*. Oscar is survived by his children, Linda T. Scott, Wanda D.T. Jones, Gary P. Thomas, Steven D. Thomas and Oscar Thomas III; his grandchildren, Shanonda Scott-Ray, Melvin Scott, Jr., Brandon Thomas, Denzel Jones, Olyvia Thomas and Emma Oales Thomas; his great-grandchildren, Zanaiyah Scott, Melvin Scott, III and Zoa S. Ray, and; a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by two sisters Myrtice Barrow and Queen Thomas. Services for Oscar Thomas, Jr. were at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Hicks and Sons Mortuary, 2233 Anthony Road, Macon, Georgia with interment at Macon Memorial Park, Macon, Georgia.



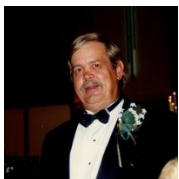
**HAROLD B. THOMPSON** - Died Saturday, November 25, 2017 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altoona on May 27, 1943 to the late Arlie and Margie (née Kuhn) Thompson. His father Arlie was killed in action during World War II when Harold was just a baby. His mother, Margie later married Richard Burket who raised Harold and his sister as his own. Harold graduated from Altoona High School and went directly into the United States Marine Corps. Harold proudly served his country for 4 years, completing 3 full tours in Vietnam. He married Jeryl-Dene Stiffler on May 27, 1967. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, as well as his daughter Rochelle (Jeff) MacAlarney and his grand-daughter Camryn of Altoona, his son Chad (Kim) Thompson and his grandson Lance of Altoona. Also survived by his sister Margie (Jake) Schaffer of Altoona and his brother Richard (June) Burket of Utah, and a special cousin Nancy (Larry) Coon of Virginia and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Harold was a member of the Juniata Methodist Church. Harold enjoyed hunting, archery, softball, being in the outdoors and playing with his grandchildren. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Harold was a wonderful son, a loving husband and father, a loyal friend, a proud Marine and he would do anything to help others. Harold will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him. He will be forever in our hearts and memories. A private memorial service with Honor Guard was at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 1, 2017, at Grandview cemetery, Altoona.

**SAM THOMPSON** – Died Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in Culpeper, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was the *Founding Member and President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Culpeper Chapter #752**.



**JASPER PAUL TUGGLE, SR.** - Died Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 76. He was a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 29, 1940 in Macon, Georgia to the late Charlie Wesley and Mattie (née Black) Tuggle. He was the youngest of four siblings. He received his basic education from Bibb County Schools. After graduating from Ballard-Hudson High School, he enrolled in Fort Valley State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. He was drafted in the United States Army and left to fulfill his obligation one day after graduating from Fort Valley State College. After serving in the Vietnam War, he returned to Macon where he worked with his father in the furniture repair and refinishing business. He later became owner and operator of Tuggle Furniture Shoppe. He not only took pride in his occupation, which he learned from his father, but he truly relished the friends he made through his business and community. He met the love of his life and soulmate, Patricia Miller at Fort Valley State College. While circumstances initially kept them apart for

many years, eventually all roads led back to Patricia Miller. They were united in Holy matrimony November 15, 1998 and shared an unwavering devotion to one another that was obvious to all. In his early years, he joined Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Macon. After moving to Blackshear, he joined Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church, where he served on the Trustee Board, Steward Board, Sons of Allen, and finance committee. He dedicated many hours to the maintenance of the church and the upkeep of the grounds. He was a faithful member of the following organizations: Consolidated Men's Club, Gardenia/Sunflower Club, NAACP, Blackshear Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (Chairman), American Legion and Pinochle Club of Waycross. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #1070**. He had a passion for family, children, music and history. He was an avid reader, master gardener, and master chef. He devoted his life to serving God and others. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Wesley and Mattie Black Tuggle and brothers, Herbert L. Tuggle and Charles M. Tuggle, Sr. He leaves to mourn his passing, his loving wife, Patricia (née Miller) Tuggle, Blackshear; sons, Jasper Paul Tuggle Jr. and Lewis Lee (LaToya) Smith, Macon; sibling, Mildred Kitchens, Gray; eight grandchildren, Gabrielle, Jamil, Michael, Diamond, Lauryn, Logan, Janiah and Ja'Vonte; nieces and nephews, Tanya Tanksley, Janice Kitchens, Phyllis (Earl) Thurmond, and Charles Tuggle Jr.; his godchildren, other relatives and many devoted friends, including his childhood friend, Gordon (Josephine) Davis. The family received friends at the residence. Visitation hours were held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from the Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church, 626 Cherry Street, Blackshear. The Reverend Gerald Copeland, pastor, delivered words of comfort. Interment, with full military honors, was in the Shiloh Cemetery, Moore Street, Blackshear. The cortege assembled at 634 Cherry Street at 10:30 AM on Saturday. Monetary gifts may be donated in honor of J. Paul Tuggle may be made to the Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church, 626 Cherry Street, Blackshear, GA 31516. Final and most sacred arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Rainge Memorial Chapel, Inc.

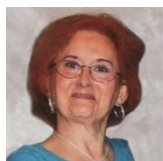


**LOUIS L. "Lou" VALENTINE** - Died Saturday, September 16, 2017 in Reeds Springs, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 1, 1946 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Louis and Rose Marie (née Strubinger) Valentine. Lou had been a resident of the area since 1979, moving here from Saint Louis, MO. He was a well-known welder in the area before his retirement. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. Lou was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include: his wife, Kathleen Valentine of Reeds Spring, MO; two sons, Christopher Valentine of Kimberling City, MO and Tony Valentine and wife, Shannon of Kimberling City, MO; three brothers, Terry Valentine of St. Louis, MO, Danny Valentine of St. Louis, MO and Scott Valentine of St. Louis, MO; one sister, Judy Stackle of Glencoe, MO; six grandchildren, Brandon Valentine, Ciera Valentine, Luke Valentine, Logan Valentine, Jamie Valentine and Alysa Valentine and a host of other family and friends. Visitation hours were on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Stumpff Funeral Home, Kimberling City, MO. The funeral service was on Friday, September 22,

2017 at the Stumpff Funeral Home, Kimberling City, MO at 2:00 PM with Jerry Jenkins officiating. The burial was on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery Springfield, MO. The family requested in lieu of flowers donations be made to the local VFW. Arrangements were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home, Kimberling City, MO.



**WARREN DAVID VANDERGRIFF** - Died Friday, August 8, 2014 in a local hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was complications from falling downstairs. He was born on April 25, 1951 to the late Frederick Jackson Vandergriff and Maggie Lee (née Plemons) Vandergriff. Warren was retired from the United States Navy after 23 years of service as a Chief Petty Officer. He was employed by Lawrence Doster for 10 years, and was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association and The Retired Enlisted Association. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Warren was an avid Atlanta Braves fan, had a passion for cooking, loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Warren never met a stranger, having the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone at any time. Survivors include his children, Rachel Bowers, Rebecca Vandergriff, Matthew Vandergriff and Sarah (Dylan) Swetmon; grandchildren Brody, AJ, and Maggie Bowers, and Brittain "Scotty" Vandergriff; cousin Carolyn Vandergriff, dog Pippa and his cat Sophie. Graveside services were held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Navy honors. Visitation hours were held on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to [doggoodchattanooga.com](http://doggoodchattanooga.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Advantage Funeral Cremation Services Franklin Strickland Pinkard Bryan Smith Funeral Directors, 1724 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.



**KAREN ANN VAN PAY** - Died peacefully on Friday, April 3, 2015 in De Pere, Wisconsin at the age of 66, surrounded by family. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 8, 1948 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the late Curtis Leanna, Sr., and Bernice (née DeStaercke) Leanna. On March 24, 1979, she married David Van Pay amidst a blizzard in Green Bay. Karen was active in the Girl Scouts when the children were growing up. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**, for many years. Karen enjoyed crafting, shopping, collecting, reading, antiquing, gardening, traveling, and was an avid Packer fan. She also cherished times spent with her grandchildren and her faithful cat, Precious. Karen is survived by her loving husband, David; three daughters, Lisa Fonder, Sarasota, FL, Tina Lynn (Craig) Rentmeester, Kaukauna, and Tera Hunt, Green Bay; two stepchildren, Shawn Fischer, Pennsylvania, and Mike (Krista) Van Pay, Sturgeon Bay; seven grandchildren, Kaylee, Alexandra (Eric), Nicklaus, Tyler, Andrew, Samantha, and Zachary; three stepgrandchildren, Stephanie, Justin, and Elizabeth; great-granddaughter, Reese; one

goddaughter, Stephanie McKowen; one godson, Tommy Van Pay; one brother and sister-in-law, Curtis (Mary Ann) Leanna, Jr.; five brothers-in-law, Gerald (Helen) Van Pay, Gary (Linda) Van Pay, Darrell Van Pay, Ronald Van Pay, and James (Dorothy) Van Pay; and one sister-in-law, Diane (Gary) Hansen. She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Prokash; her parents; and in-laws. Visitation at the Malcore (East) Funeral Home, 701 North Baird Street on Tuesday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Visitation continued on Wednesday at Celebration Church, 3475 Humboldt Road, from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Lathan Duncan officiating. Entombment was at the Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Rennes Health, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor staff at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Mary Chris and the staff of Comfort Keepers, Ivy and Ann at Interim Health, and Teri Leonhart of Brown County Human Services. They would also like to thank her beloved friends, Mary Jo and Barbie.



**RAYMOND JEROME “Ray” VARGA** – Died Thursday, June 1, 2017 in UnityPoint Health – Trinity in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 74. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death was lymphoma cancer, heart failure, diabetes mellitus type II and hypertension. He was born on November 14, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Andrew Michael and Elizabeth (née Geber) Varga. He married Janet Joy Breivogel on April 20, 1968, in Midlothian, Illinois. He served in the United States Army for three years, and then worked for the US Postal Service in Chicago for 22 years, and Moline for 20 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of Union Congregational Church, Moline, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**, and a former member of the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed ballroom dancing and golfing. Ray is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons and daughters-in-law, Evan and Rachel Varga, of Morris, Minnesota, and Derek and Nimita Varga, of Gurnee, Illinois; four grandchildren, David, Amy, Anya and Vikram Varga; and siblings and spouses, Arthur and Linda Varga of Gurnee, Mary and Everett Skimerhorn, of Midlothian, and Audrey Varga, of Alsip, Illinois. Services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday in the Horizon Room at the Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline. Burial was in the Rose Lawn Memorial Estate, Moline. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday. Friends were invited to join the family at a funeral luncheon at CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe following the burial. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



**RONALD LELAND “Ron” WALQUIST** - Died peacefully at home in Idaho Falls, Idaho on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 8, 1945 in Idaho Falls to the late Ray and Renée (née Jensen) Walquist. He grew up loving Idaho Falls, and returned for the final 10 plus years of his life. He served as a member, officer, and commander of the American Legion Bonneville Post #56 and the Memorial Team. He

taught classes on patriotism and participated in the annual fifth grade patriotic celebration. He loved public speaking and was much appreciated as an orator. Ron was a Master Gardener and member of the Idaho Falls Garden Club. He enjoyed speaking for the garden clubs, relief society meetings, and anybody who asked. He taught how to plant gardens, how to prune fruit trees, how to espalier, and shared his love of seeds. As a Master Naturalist, Ron volunteered with his friends at Fish and Game banding ducks, putting up deer fence, and visiting with fishermen along the river. He grew up in Idaho Falls and was part of the class of 1963. Ron went into the United States Army soon after graduating high school. He went through combat training and was sent to Vietnam where he was handed his Combat Infantry Badge the next day. There were no chaplains in the field, however Ron, a proud, gentle, loving, fifth generation Mormon, having 3 years of seminary, was looked to as their chaplain. Ron was F Troop, 17th Cavalry, of the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972**. Besides the Combat Infantry Badge, Sergeant Ronald Leland Walquist was presented with The Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces during for the year of 1967. He was awarded The Purple Heart for wounds received in action November 24, 1967, “Thanksgiving Day.” After Vietnam, Ron went on to California State College, Fullerton where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and became a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants June 1974. Besides being a CPA, he owned his own dairy in Tillamook, OR selling milk to the Tillamook Cheese Factory for some years, he purchased a farm in Salem with acres of peaches, cherry, and apple trees. After leaving the farm, 5 years later, Ron moved to Portland where he formed Walquist and Associates, a financial consulting firm. A newspaper article titled “The Axman Cometh” quoted him as saying, “There’s never a question in my mind of doing right or wrong. I’m always right.” He also enjoyed surfing and scuba diving in California, sightseeing, and snow skiing. To know Ron was to love him. He was everyone’s friend. Ron is survived by his wife, Victoria of Idaho Falls, and his two beloved daughters, Sarah Marie (Cameron) Huber and Beatrix Renee Benjamin of Troutdale, Oregon. Memorial Services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 12:00 PM at Sand Creek Ward, 1101 East 1250 North, Shelley, Idaho. Military Rites were at 3:00 PM at the Vietnam Memorial in Freeman Park, Idaho Falls by the Bonneville Memorial Team. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team.



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**REVEREND DR. NAPOLEON WASHINGTON, JR.** - Died Friday, 27, 2017 in Merced, California at the age of 69. He was a resident Merced for 56 years. He was born on April 12, 1948 in Fort Baker, late Napoleon Washington, Sr. and Annie Dora (née Jones)

Napoleon previously lived in the San Francisco Bay Area where he got his primary education and relocated to Merced, California in 1961. He attended Merced High School graduating in 1966. He then went on to study at Merced Junior College where he attained his A.A., in Business Administration, he then attended Chapman University where he earned his B.A., in Social Science. A couple of years later he attained his M.S., in Human Resource Management also at Chapman University. He then went on to study at Trinity Southern University where he attained a Doctorate in Philosophy in Business Administration. He then attained his Doctor of



Theology Degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933.**

His career in the insurance industry began in 1970 and spanned 47 years starting with Metropolitan Life Insurance and Farmers Insurance. He then established Napoleon Washington Jr. Insurance Agency as Owner and Insurance Broker. Napoleon was very active in the community. He was the Former President of the Merced/Mariposa Life Underwriters Association, Former Director of North Merced Rotary Club, a member of the American Legion Post #83, a member of Merced County Jail Ministries, a member of the Merced City Parks and Recreation Commission, former President and Executive Board Member of the NAACP Branch #1047, Merced, California, he also served in various ministerial capacities throughout the state. He was a member of Christian Life Center, Merced, California, (NAIFA) National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He was a bible teacher for the Merced County Rescue Mission for many years. Napoleon is preceded in death by his father Napoleon Washington, Sr., sisters' Lucille Carter and Brenda Washington, maternal grandparents Rev. Joseph Jones and Susie Jones, and Paternal grandparents Ernest Washington and Elfredia Buchanan. Napoleon is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Nadine (née Reed) Washington of Merced, California, mother Ann D. Carter of San Francisco, California, his children Gregory D. Washington of Phoenix, Arizona, Kimberlee Nadine Taylor (Steve) of Merced, California, and Geoffrey Napoleon Washington Sr. of Merced, California. He also leaves behind his beloved aunt Barbara Davis of Stockton, California, who nurtured him during his formative years. Brothers, Robert Walton, Jr. of Houston, Texas, Michael Washington of Las Vegas, Nevada, Johnny Carter Jr. of San Francisco, California, sisters Bertha Turnage of Bay Point, California, Martha Smith of San Bruno, California, Carrie Carter of San Francisco, California. As well as his six grandchildren Trinity J. Booker, Jerrik D. Pipkin-Washington, Geoffrey Napoleon Washington, Jr., Valeria Armenta-Washington, Kyan J. Washington, Isaiah S. Taylor. He also leaves two great-grandchildren Mya Marie Washington, and Braylee T. Washington, along with many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and clients. There was a visitation held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Stratford Evans Merced Funeral Home, located at 1490 B Street, Merced, California. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Christian Life Center, 650 East Olive Avenue, Merced, California. Interment was in the Evergreen Memorial Park, 1480 B Street, Merced, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hinds Hospice, 410 West Main Street, Suite A., Merced, California or to Christian Life Center, P.O. Box 2545, Merced, California, 95344.



**WILLIAM DOANE "Bill" WATKINS** - Died Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in River Edge, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Heart failure. Bill was born in North Tonawanda, New York on November 24, 1942 to the late Evalyn (née Doane) and Joseph W. Watkins. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his beloved wife of 48

years, and former River Edge Mayor, Margaret "Peggy" (née Falahee); his devoted children, Will, Matt and his wife, Andrea, Kirby and his wife, Jessica, and Maggie, and; his cherished grandchildren, Liam, Gabe and Benjamin. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. After graduating Georgetown School of Foreign Service, he served as a United States Army Captain in the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge, William earned his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and was President of Arnet Consulting of River Edge. Bill was active in politics and a member of the Republican Club. He was a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Burke Council #5015, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800*, American Legion Sgt. Walter Scott Brown Post #226, Caldrony-Klaiber-Frost VFW Post #876, Ancient Order of Hibernians Bergen Council #32, and Bergen Irish Association, Dumont. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 9:30 AM in Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 445 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, River Edge. Interment with Military Honors was in the George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus. Visitation was on Sunday, October 22, 2017 beginning at 2:00 PM and concluding at 8:00 PM at the Beaugard-McKnight Funeral Home, 869 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Bill's memory to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Educational Center, 1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, NJ 07733.



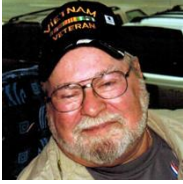
**DONNIE MAX WEETS** - Died Sunday, January 7, 2018 at his home in Maquoketa, Iowa at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 10, 1953 in Jackson County, Iowa, to Max and Veda (née Edwards) Weets. He was a graduate of Maquoketa High School and then served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he began working at John Deere in Davenport. He worked there for over 30 years, retiring in 2017. Donnie married Barbara Sturgeon on June 10, 1991 in Maquoketa, Iowa. Donnie was a member of the Andrew AMVETS Post #62 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island (Illinois) Chapter #299**. He liked a good meal and enjoyed talking on his ham radio. Those left to honor Donnie's memory include his wife Barbara Weets of Maquoketa, IA; and sisters, Connie March of MN, and Amy DeLarm of IA. He was preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of Donnie's life was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 12, 2018, from the Carson Celebration of Life Center in Maquoketa, Iowa. There is no visitation. Cremation rites were accorded, and a private burial was held at the Hickory Grove Cemetery, rural Monmouth, Iowa. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a Donnie Max Weets memorial fund has been established.

**JAMES WILLIAM WELCH** – Died Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 24, 1948 in Springfield, Ohio to the late Donald and Dorothy Welch. James was a long-time Colorado Springs resident. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps. James was a proud *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Colorado** and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a U.

S. Postal Carrier. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. James is survived by his wife, Theresa and a son Jon Welch.



**DENNIS DARRELL WERLEIN** - Died peacefully on his farm in Mondovi, Wisconsin on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the age of 69, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born on May 12, 1948 in rural Mondovi to the late Frank and Freda (née Prissell) Werlein. He was baptized at Sacred Heart Parish in Mondovi, where he was a devoted and active parishioner throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Mary (née McKenna) Werlein; his mother, Freda Werlein; his brother, Glenn Werlein (Fay); his children, Jake Werlein (Carey), Ben Werlein, Teresa Werlein, Lori Buckley (Ricardo), Jennifer Moran (Arnoldo), Emily Punke (Adam), Sam Werlein (Kelsey), and Karen Werlein; his grandchildren Taylor Salveggio, Kayleigh and Breanna Seagraves, Alesa and Tamia Buckley, Darius and Nina Moran, Harold Punke and Otto Werlein-Reimann; along with many cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank Werlein and his sister, Rosanne Werlein. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and often a reader during mass. He was raised on the farm his father bought, graduating from Mondovi High School in 1966. In 1969, Dennis was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a rifleman with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Upon returning home he attended Chippewa Valley Technical College and graduated with a degree in Farm Management. Dennis wed Mary McKenna on September 22, 1973 and began farming on the family farm. Over the years, their family grew to eight children and nine grandchildren as Dennis innovated and improved the farm. He was also active in agricultural causes including the National Farmers Organization, the American Agricultural Movement, and was a pioneer in organic farming practices. Dennis cherished farming and proudly passed his knowledge onto his sons. His combat and overseas experiences in Vietnam helped form his lifelong passion for assisting and honoring members of America's military. He was a *Founding Member* and *Past President* and *Life Member* of the **Mike Voth Memorial Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**, as well as being involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion. Whether participating in local parades, speaking at public ceremonies, or helping individual veterans; Dennis was continually dedicating himself to our veterans and our country. Dennis enjoyed the woods and fields of his farm. He used his spare time to walk, hunt and plan the next year's crops. He made a point to spend time with family; camping, fishing, and in the later years visiting them as they moved around the country. He was a faithful Christian and his generous heart led him to find a friend wherever he went. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mondovi with Reverend Father John Schultz officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the church cemetery. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Kjentvet-Smith Funeral Home, Mondovi with a Scripture Wake at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued from 10:00 AM until the time of the service on Saturday at the church.



**CLEDIS RANDALL "Rennie" WHITAKER** - Died Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of Marion. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease and heart attack. He was born on October 24, 1948 to the late Cledis and Lizzie (née Prater) Whitaker in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. On August 28, 1970, he married Jacqueline (née Bailey) Whitaker in Marion, OH. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict during the years of 1968 to 1970. He worked at the Marion Power Shovel for 28 years and retired from the Sypris Corporation after 17 years. Cledis belonged to the American Legion #584, where he was a past commander. Also, he belonged to the VFW #7201, 40/8, Veterans Court, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marion Chapter #1117**, the FOPA, the CPAAA, the Marion Honor Guard, and the Rod Knockers Car Club. Cledis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. He mentored many veterans and was the biggest supporter for his kids and grandchildren with everything they did. He loved spending time with wife, kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed going on vacations, flowers and gardening. His caring and loving heart was present through his many contributions to his community. He helped with the Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Court, Marion City K-9 Unit. Also, he helped with veterans that needed a hand or just needed an ear to listen. He will truly be missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father: Cledis Whitaker; a brother: Billy Whitaker; a sister: Sandra Kay Moore; a nephew: Gary Lee Bailey; and a brother-in-law: Steve Caudill. Cledis is going to be missed by his mother: Lizzie (Prater) Whitaker; his wife: Jacqueline (Bailey) Whitaker ; a daughter: Tammy (John) Miller; a son: Davie (Dorothy) Whitaker; brothers: Clarence (Deb) Whitaker, David Whitaker and Roger Whitaker; sisters: Karen (Tim) Caldwell, Judy Law, Marlene (Jim) Oberier and Kathy (Joe) Benson; sister-in-law: Diane Casto; brother-in-law: Gary Bailey and Terry Moore; grandchildren: Tiffany (Corey) Large, Kyle , Stacee and Samantha Whitaker and Mitchel Wallingford; great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and Friends came to honor Cledis's life on Monday, June 19, 2017 starting at 12:00 PM-2:00 PM and again from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 starting at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Dale Baker officiating. The burial was at the Chapel Heights Memory Gardens with the Marion Honor Guard performing the Military service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Veterans Court or the Marion City K-9 unit.



**MAXWELL E. "Max" WHITNEY, JR.** – Died Monday, November 27, 2017 in Alger, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Max was born in Annapolis, Maryland on April 15, 1941. He leaves behind his loving wife of 50 years Kathryn (née Robertson) Whitney; two daughters and one son-in-law, Robin (Chris Shaw) Marsh and Kimberly Wixson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert (Whitney Kropp) and Jonathan (Emily)

Whitney; twelve grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. Max is a retiree of Fisher Body and a Veteran of the United States Army. He was the commander of the Ogemaw County VFW #3775 and honored with Veteran-of-the-Year this past Veteran's Day. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tawas City Chapter #882**. He was an amazing, proud and loving man who will be greatly missed. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Peters and Murray Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, Michigan.



**GEORGE FRANKLIN WILHOIT, SR.** - Died peacefully Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Community Living Center at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina at the age of 72. He was a resident of Charleston. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in China Grove, North Carolina on May 6, 1945 to the late Grady Thomas and Irene (née Hinson) Wilhoit. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Wilhoit and Maxine (Wilhoit) Cranford; three brothers, Charlie Wilhoit, Tommy Wilhoit and Robert Wilhoit; his son-in-law, Randy Baird, and; two grandsons, Jerry Trexler and Noah Baird. Mr. Wilhoit is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Geraldine "Gerri" (née Whitley) Wilhoit; five children, Janie (Trexler) Fraley and husband Rick, of Mt. Gilead, NC, Don Trexler and his wife Linda, of Boone, NC, Robbin (Trexler) Baird, Frankie (Wilhoit) Maffett and husband Chris, of Charleston, SC and George "Chip" Wilhoit, Jr. and wife Amy, of Charleston, SC; fourteen grandchildren, Lee Williamson, Eric Williamson, Angie Fulp, Jessie Perritt, Will Trexler, Sam Trexler, Denee Baird, David Jones, Harrison Maffett, Bailey Wilhoit, Whitley Wilhoit, C.J. Wilhoit, Heyward Charles and River Charles; fourteen great-grandchildren, Dylan Taylor, Kenzie Williamson, Samantha Williamson, Eric Williamson, Jr., Carley Williamson, Lilyann Williamson, Ashlyn Slagle, Josiah Fulp, Desiray Fulp, Landon Perritt, Easton Perritt, Benjamin Trexler, Trinity Johnson and Samuel Johnson. Also surviving are his four sisters, Francis Foster, Jean Eudy, Lucille Starnes and Bernice Davis; two brothers, Dowd Wilhoit and Bill Wilhoit, and; many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends far and wide. George honorably served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1969 and was a proud and decorated veteran of the Vietnam War receiving many honors and distinctions. His battle with PTSD later in life reunited him with his veteran brothers and he found healing and growth with the Myrtle Beach PTSD Group. He became very active and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925** and was a charter member and Post Commander of Chapter #925 in Conway. He was also a member of the American Legion Horry Post #111, the Kiwanis Club of Conway, and the Disabled American Veterans Grandstrand Chapter #30. He proudly helped with the Horry County Veteran's Memorial and volunteered tirelessly to raise money for countless charities over the years. George's passion for his country and for those who served was second only to the love he had for his family. His family was his pride and joy, and nothing made him happier than spending time with the ones he loved. Family was so important that he organized the now famous "Wilhoit Reunion at the Beach" and it is still going strong. In fact, he and Gerri attended the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion just days before he passed. George gave selflessly to anyone in need and would often do without to ensure that those around him were taken care

of. He will forever be remembered for his kindness and generosity.....and for telling the corniest jokes known to man. He was a loving husband, dad, paw-paw, brother, uncle and friend to all that knew him. He will be greatly missed. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Hillcrest Cemetery, officiated by Reverend Bob Fogner. The family received friends from 12:30 PM-1:30 PM on Monday at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

**KENNETH D. "Willey" WILLIAMS** – Died Thursday, December 7, 2017 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on October 20, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps from March 1965 to August 1969. In Vietnam, he was a tank mechanic with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division from March 1966 to March 1967. He was also exposed to the polluted water at Camp Lejeune. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparks Chapter #989**.



**JOSEPH FRANCIS WSZOKEK, SR.** (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 1, 2018 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 87. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 21, 1930 in Gary, Indiana to the late Francis John and Elizabeth Estelle (née Czubik) Wszolek. He married Enid Rosalie Glennon on December 20, 1952 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She died August 5, 2003. 1SG Wszolek served in the United States Army for 26 ½ years and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He received the Purple Heart. He was a Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus where he also held other offices. He was on the National REACT Team with the Red Cross and was a member of the first class of the Lawton Police Sentinels. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. 1SG Wszolek graduated from Cameron University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. He retired from Civil Service. His passions were fishing, hunting and bowling. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Survivors include a son, Joseph Francis Wszolek, Jr. and his wife Unhe, of Benton, Louisiana; four daughters, Vicki E. Gable, Valerie L. Wszolek-Box and her husband Arthur, all of Lawton, Mary E. Barbe, of Walters, Oklahoma and Leigh Anne Jones and her husband Randy, of Greenwood, Louisiana; twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jerry Wszolek and Albert Wszolek and his wife Pat; a sister, Joanne Sullivan, all of Indiana, and; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents; his brother, Frank Wszolek; his son, Gerry E. Wszolek; his grandson, Marc Gable, and; great-grandson, Tylor Epperson. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Reverend Father Philip Seeton, pastor officiating. Entombment with full military honors was in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home.



**CHARLES V. "Chuck" YARBROUGH** (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in Arlington, Virginia at the age of 81, following a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. Chuck was born on July 24, 1929 to the late Army Colonel James E. Yarbrough and Marcia V. Yarbrough and grew up on Army posts throughout the world. He was the beloved husband of 36 years of Katherine P. Yarbrough; devoted father of Shelley Y. Yonker (Warren) of Las Cruces, NM, Army BG (Ret.) James C. Yarbrough (Cathaleen) of Columbus, GA, and Christopher V. Yarbrough of Arlington; loving grandfather of Jessica, Jennifer and Julia Yarbrough. Chuck's prior marriage to Deborah C. Henderson ended in divorce. He graduated in 1952 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, and received his Master of Science in Business Administration from George Washington University. Chuck's professional life was devoted to his country, spanning over 50 years of military and civilian service marked by leadership, innovation and mentoring others. He was a distinguished Army combat infantry officer and paratrooper, serving in Korea and for over two years in Vietnam. His numerous military honors included the **Bronze Star** for valor and four awards of the Legion of Merit. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. Following his 1976 retirement from the Army, Chuck joined the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs) and served in positions of increasing responsibility until his retirement in 2005, ending as Chief Facilities Management Officer responsible for the construction of VA facilities throughout the country. For his civilian service, Chuck received two Meritorious Presidential Rank Awards, the Secretary of the Treasury's Excellence in Financial Management Award, and the VA Secretary's Exceptional Service Award. He was honored by American University with its Roger Jones Award for Executive Leadership. In his free time, Chuck was an avid reader, Civil War and military history buff and expert outdoorsman, fisherman and boater. He loved laughter, a cold, crisp beer, the pull of a big striped bass and his golden retrievers. He was a remarkable man, a wonderful husband, father and friend, and a true patriot, who made us better through his lifetime of caring and love. In the words of his beloved West Point, "well done; be thou at peace." Chuck's family wishes to thank all the family, friends and devoted professionals of the Washington VA Hospital whose support made it possible to fulfill Chuck's wish to be cared for at home as his health declined. We are especially grateful to Dr. Robert Kaiser, head of the Washington VAH's Home-Based Primary Care team, and to Ms. Cathy Denobile and Ms. Carmen Vaughn-Hewitt from HBPC. We also thank Mr. Colin Williams, home health aide, whose dignified, loving assistance helped us so much during Chuck's final year of life. The funeral service with Full Military Honors was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 was at 1:00 PM at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, VA. Inurnment was at the Arlington National Cemetery. Persons wishing to attend the service and burial should enter Ft. Myer through one of the Post gates and be prepared to show a picture ID and for a vehicle security check. Memorial contributions may be made in Chuck's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or to the Fisher House Foundation, 111 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20850. Arrangements were made by the Murphy Funeral Home of Arlington.

**CHARLES ZAROLES** – Died Thursday, January 28, 2018 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 26, 1945 in Salem, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.

**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! AMEN!**

**FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.**

**National Chaplain**