



RODNEY ELMER AFFELDT - Died Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Coteau des Prairies Hospital in Sisseton, South Dakota at the age of 67. He was a resident of Browns Valley, Minnesota. The cause of death was heart disease, diabetes mellitus-type II and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born February 6, 1951 in Alexandria, Minnesota to the late Raymond and Evelyn (née Enberg) Affeldt. He attended school in Alexandria, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1969. He then completed vocational school in Willmar for Auto Body and in Alexandria for welding. In 1971, Rodney enlisted in the United States Air Force. On June 30, 1973, Rodney married Deborah Olson at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Garfield, MN. After their marriage, they moved to Washington where he was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Cheney. After being honorably discharged in 1974, Rodney and Deborah returned to Minnesota and Rodney was employed at Lorenz Manufacturing in Benson and at Goodhart Brothers in Browns Valley for many years. He also worked for the Schiltz Goose Farm in Sisseton until his retirement in 2007. Rodney was a member of the William Krensing American Legion, where he was a former commander, and was a Browns Valley city council member. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**. Rodney's hobbies included camping, hunting, and fishing. He enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and taking a Caribbean cruise. He especially loved playing with his grandkids Heaven and Leah "Bug," who meant the world to him. He even shared the same birthday as Heaven. Survivors include his wife, Deborah, of Browns Valley; his son, Jeremy (Stacie Schmitz) Affeldt, of Browns Valley; his daughter, Kayla (Thor Yarusso) Affeldt, of Chokio, MN; his granddaughters, Heaven and Leah, and; two sisters, Diane Nokes, of Alexandria and Linda (Lenny) Sorenson, of New Hope, MN. Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Evelyn Affeldt. Funeral services were on Wednesday, February 21st, at 10:30 AM at the Zion Lutheran Church in Browns Valley with Reverend Michael Breach, officiating. Music was provided by organist Ginny Westbrook. The burial was in the Kinkead Cemetery, Alexandria, MN. Military honors were provided by the William Krensing American Legion Post #58 of Browns Valley, MN. Honorary pallbearers were grandbabies Heaven and Leah Stavick, Amy Kowalski, Greg Nokes, the William Krensing American Legion, Tekakwitha Living Center residents and staff, the Northeast South Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054 in Watertown, SD, and nieces, nephews, and cousins. Active pallbearers were Jerry Stavick, Jolene Kangas, JoAnn Pederson, Wayne Enberg, Dennis Larson, and Mark Jensen. Visitation hours on Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM followed by a prayer service at 7:00 PM at the church and continued Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church. The Eggers Funeral Home in Rosholt, South Dakota, oversaw the arrangements.

LARRY A. ANDERSON – Died Thursday, December 21, 2017 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is heart disease. He was born on February 27, 1946 in Harding, Kansas. He served in the United States Navy from August 16, 1966 to June 8, 1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**.

JOSEPH ANTHONY "Joe" BARAN, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 22, 2017 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 12, 1942 in

Dearborn to the late Joseph Anthony Baran, Sr. and Virginia (née Krasnowski) Baran. He was the beloved husband of Judith (née Czerwienski); father of Joseph III and David (Christine); dear brother of Christopher (Shiela) and the late Dennis; proud uncle of many nieces and nephews, and; proud grandfather of Andrew and Terese Baran. Joe was a proud graduate of Fordson High School, Henry Ford Community College, and honors graduate of Lawrence Technological University. He was proud of his service in the United States Army, serving in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive with the 563rd Medical Clearing Company near Chu Lai in 1967-1968. He was a proud member of the American Legion, NRA, and life member of the VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267*. He was also a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and a past president of the Fordson Varsity Alumni Club, as well as a current board member. He worked as a laborer and salesman for 52 years at various steel companies in the Detroit area. In lieu of flowers, please remember Joe by making a memorial contribution to the Vietnam Veterans of America or to the DAV. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 28th at 10:00 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn, with a luncheon in the church hall immediately following. The McFarland Foss Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

RICHARD C. BELL – Died Tuesday, December 5, 2016 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on August 28, 1848 in Ponca City. He served in the United States Navy from January 26, 1968 to October 30, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750*.



DANNY LEE BLAKLEY - Died Monday, March 5, 2018 in his residence in London, Kentucky at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 7, 1954, in Laurel County, Kentucky to the late Clifford and Mary (née Tipton) Blakley. He was united in marriage to Debbie (née King) Blakley, who survives of London. He is also survived by four daughters, Angela Marie McNew and husband, Chris, of London, Amanda Jane Hale and husband, Jed, of Paris, Alicia Lee DeRose and husband, Fred, and Janie Nicole Blakley, all of London, four siblings, Erma Fields and husband, William, of London, Dexter Blakley and wife, Deborah, of Lake City, Florida, Debra Frost and husband, Joe, of Gray and Malena Munger and husband, John, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, his step-mother, Zona Blakley of Ponca City, Oklahoma, three grandchildren, Ezra DeRose, Lukas Hale and Olivia Hale, plus a host of other friends and relatives to mourn his passing. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by one brother, Darrell Blakley and one niece, Erica Fields. He was a truck driver, a veteran of the United States Navy and a member of Mt. Zion Church of Christ. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050***. Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 AM on Friday in the Bowling Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Brown and Jimmy Logan co-officiating. Burial was in the Benge Cemetery in London. The family received friends at the Bowling Funeral Home after 6:00 PM on Thursday.

Military honors were conducted by DAV Chapter #158 in Keavy. The pallbearers were Chris McNew, Jed Hale, Fred DeRose, Joe Frost, Jeff Stidham, Brandon Stokes.

WILLIAM BLUE – Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 in Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on July 16, 1946. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528.**



WARREN E. BOEKHOUT - Died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Princeton Medical Center in New Jersey at the age of 65. He was a resident of Franklin Park, New Jersey and Wilmington, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Somerville, New Jersey to the late Garry and Marion Boekhout, who survives. Warren had been lifelong resident of Franklin Township. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452.** He was a master mechanic, who worked for many years for the Franklin Township as well as Twin County Bus. He was predeceased by his father, Garry Boekhout in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of 35 years; as well as his mother, Marion Boekhout; her sister, Beverly Troichuck and her husband and three cats. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 17th at the Six-Mile Run Church in Franklin. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Warren Boekhout's name to a charity of your choosing.



DANNY HART BOLIN - Died Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Hampton, Georgia at the age of 71, surrounded by family and friends. The cause of death was fulminant liver failure, septic shock, streptococcus pneumoniae bacteremia, acute hypoxic respiratory failure diabetes mellitus type II and coronary artery disease. He was born in Columbus, Georgia on May 17, 1946 to the late Beecher and Sara Elizabeth Bolin. He is survived by his wife, Sue; his two daughters and their spouses, Angela and Adam Wilson, Elisa and Matt Rhymer; five grandchildren, Charlotte, Ruby, and Oliver Wilson, Evelyn and Brody Rhymer; two brothers and their spouses, Leo and Faye Bolin and Joe and Sue Bolin, and; his sister-in-law, Diane Koon. After graduating from Columbus High School and attending college, he served his country in the First Calvary Division of the United States Army in Vietnam, as an Air Traffic Controller. Known for his courage and decisive action under pressure, he focused on outcomes. After serving his country, he went to work for the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller for 15 years, where he then transitioned into Emergency Management and Disaster Response for the Federal Government. He retired after more than 38 years of combined military and Federal Service. As Deputy Director and Senior Emergency Management Coordinator for FEMA and First Responders for disasters, Danny oversaw the Congressional Program for Continuity of Operation Plans for Southeastern United States. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia.** He met his wife, Sue in 1976. She was the love and light of his life. Married for 40 years, together they celebrated life. Danny had an innate sense for navigation. Navigating

airplanes, sailboats, emergencies, crises; he faced storms of all types with an innate focus on the horizon, on the outcome. Calm under pressure, he never lost his cool. He won the trust and hearts of many, who even now are being changed by the uncompromising love of his family. His faith was unrelenting. With love and faith, they raised their two daughters, Angie and Lisa. A man of great intellect, courage, action and faith, he led by example. To his daughters he passed on his love of the ocean, education, books, curiosity, a joy for cooking, and dancing in the kitchen, and to Angie and Charlotte, a love of debating. He encouraged his daughters to be independent thinkers and to stand for what we believe in. Danny was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church. He and Sue spent their retirement years enjoying and celebrating their family, especially their grandchildren. They enjoyed the simple things, taught their grandchildren how to swim, how to fish, encouraged their curiosity, and urged them to explore their world. There was a Memorial Service led by Reverend Dr. Steve Dodson at Peachtree City United Methodist Church, 225 Robinson Road, Peachtree City, GA, 30269, on Friday, January 12, 2018 at 3:00 PM. A reception for the family and close friends was immediately following the Memorial Service. The Carl J. Mowell and Son Funeral Home, Peachtree, Georgia oversaw the arrangements.



RONALD C. "Ron" BOND, SR. - Died Monday, February 12, 2018 at home in Parkville, Missouri at the age of 77, surrounded by family. The cause of death was lung cancer. Ron was born on August 9, 1940 in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Oscar and Laura Bond. He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1959. Ron married the love of his life, Donna Davidson on June 12, 1962. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from February 5, 1962 to February 4, 1966. He worked for over 33 years as a parts picker for International Harvester (now Case Int'l), he was also a member of the Steelworker's Union. Ron was a long-time member of the First Assembly of God in KCK, as well as a member of the Shriner's Lodge, and the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge #13 in KC, MO. He was also involved with the Parkville VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City (Missouri) Chapter #317**. After retiring, Ron decided to relax and spent most of his time building decks for friends and family, wood-working, and watching baseball. He was the King at home and his guiding hand will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Laura Bond; his sister, Beverly Tullis, his sister, Dixie Krapes, and his brother, Jack Bond. Ron is survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna Bond, of Parkville, MO; his son, Ron Bond (Roberta), of Cincinnati, OH; his daughter, Mary Lynn Hawkins (Steve), of KCK; his son, Darryl Bond (Monica), of Parkville, MO; his grandchildren, Amanda Foster (Kevin Ulmo), Sara Bond, Ryan Ewigman, Zach Craig (Alexandra), Kristyn Craig, Savanna, Samantha, Cadyn, Alex, and Jeni Bond, and; his great-grandchildren, Heather, William, and Wesley Ulmo. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 16th at Chapel Hill – Butler, 701 North 94th Street, KCK, with visitation from 1:00-2:00 PM preceding the service. Interment with honors were in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kansas City Hospice. Fond

memories and condolences for Ron may be left at www.chapelhill-butler.com, as arrangements were under the direction of Chapel Hill – Butler.

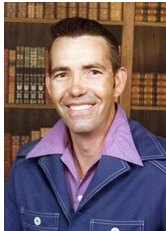


LEMUEL FRANK BOOZER (USA, CWO3-Ret.) - Died Tuesday January 2, 2018 in Elmore, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. Lemuel was born in Alabama on August 17, 1941 to the late Leslie Union and Lois (née Hellums) Boozer. Lemuel served honorably in the United States Army, seeing combat action during the height of the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 when he retired from military service after 23 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607**. Much can be said about Lemuel, he had many talents from farming and gardening to fishing and hunting. He enjoyed traveling and was a huge Alabama Football fan, and he was an accomplished auctioneer. But above all, he loved his family very much and he will be sorely missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Willie Sue (née Smith) Boozer of Elmore, AL; children Lemuel Earl (Judy) Boozer of St. Pauls, NC, Pamela Sue (Thomas) Mitchell, of Wetumpka, AL, Leslie Frank (Tracy) Boozer, of Wetumpka, AL and Kathy Darlene (Thomas) Stewart, of Wetumpka, AL; grandchildren, Denise (Carey) Dennis, Robert (Chelsey) Basler, William Basler, Julie (Nick)Wyatt, Michael (Jessica Belcher) McDonald, Kathy (Nathan) Basham, Jessica (Adam) Houlton, Reid (Maggie) Boozer, Donna (Jamie) Graham and Cindy (Kirk)Leach; great-grandchildren, Raegan Dennis, Kendyl Dennis, Bradley Basler, Grayson Patterson, Madilyn Basler, McKenzie Houlton, Cheyenne Buckner, Carson Buckner, Colton Buckner, Preston Houlton, Paisley Houlton, Damian Daniels, Alex Daniels, the impending Baby Boozer (due in August 2018), Jessica Leach, Taylor Norris, Carrie Lane and Savannah Graham; great-great-grandchildren, Alexis Lester and Ella Lane; brother, Fred Boozer, and; sisters, Valerie Ann Brown, Ruby Puckett and Joyce Smalley. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Billy Joe Boozer and a sister, Mary Matthews. The family received friends on Friday, January 5, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the New Home Baptist Church, 5130 Elmore Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092 with funeral services immediately following at 2:00 PM with Brother Walter Batyski, presiding. Serving as pall bearers were Reid Boozer, Robert Basler, William Basler, Michael McDonald, Adam Houlton, Carey Dennis and Nathan Basham. Interment took place in the New Home Baptist Church Cemetery, Wetumpka, AL with the rendering of military funeral honors by the U.S. Army. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorial donations be made in Lemuel's memory to the New Home Baptist Church Building Fund, 5130 Elmore Road Wetumpka, AL 36092. Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL oversaw the arrangements.



DONALD E. "Pops" "Don" BRACE - Died Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 71, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death

was bone cancer and throat cancer. Don was born in Minneapolis on July 28, 1946. He attended Minneapolis North High School until 1963. Don honorably served in the United States Army. He served in Korea and in the Vietnam War during the 1960's where he was the recipient of two Purple Heart medals. He was a Rifle Marksman and earned the Vietnam, National Defense and Good Conduct Medals. He continued to serve the armed forces in his later years by being a *Life Member* of the Anoka County **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470** Honor Guard where he performed in 200 plus funeral services from 2002 to 2009. He was a proud American soldier. He was loved by his family and countless friends. He will be forever missed. Don was a proud Father, Grandfather, Brother and Uncle. He is survived by his four sons, Donald II (Lisa), Dan, Dennis (Stephanie) and David; his grandchildren, Augusta, Donald III, Karissa, Danny and Macie; his brother, Bob (Sandy); his sisters, Beverly (Jerry) and Marlene (Mark); as well as his many nieces, nephews and loving friends.



ALFRED THEODORE BRIGHT - Died Sunday, December 21, 2017 in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of 74. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on May 26, 1943 in Jonesboro, Illinois to the late Charles and Syble (née Sims) Bright. Alfred served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was united in marriage to Shirley Wright on June 30, 1964 in Fort Sill, OK. Alfred spent most of his working career as a steel worker for Kansas City Structural Steel. He enjoyed making baskets for the VA Medical Center in Leavenworth, KS. Alfred was a member of the Glory Barn Gospel Music Center of Kansas City, KS. He was an American Legion Commander for Post #188 and Post #111 several times. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City (Missouri) Chapter #317**. Survivors include wife of 53 years, Shirley Bright, of Kansas City, KS; his daughter, Joyce Bright and her fiancé, Kirk Schottler, of Mayetta, KS; his grandson, Michael Hunter; his granddaughter, Mandie Lynn Marie Perez, and; his great-grandchildren, Darrell, Jayla, Dakota. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Henry Bright. The family received friends from 12:30-1:00 PM on Saturday, January 6, 2017 at the Vietnam Veterans of America “Heart of America” Chapter #317, 3027 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO. A memorial service was at 1:00 PM. The arrangements were entrusted to the Meyers Funeral Chapel in Blue Springs, Kansas. Memories of Ted and condolences to the family may be shared at meyersfuneralchapel.com.



JOHN M. BROCKELHURST - Died Monday, March 12, 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 70, with his loving family by his side. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Indianapolis on September 29, 1947 to the late Irvin Eugene and Martha Ellen (née

Best) Brocklehurst. John had a wonderful sense of humor, he loved to tease and joke with people. John was a member of the Fairfax Christian Church, where he served as a Deacon and an elder. John was a United States Army veteran, where he served fourteen months in Vietnam. His greatest passion was probably fishing in Canada. John enjoyed playing golf in previous years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295** where he was an active member and served in an office. He was stubborn yet generous, he always was willing to lend a hand to those in need. John loved to spend time with his grandchildren, he was a wonderful husband and father. John was preceded in death by his parents, Irvin Eugene Brocklehurst and Martha Ellen (née Best) Brocklehurst. John has left to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sharon (née Hammons) Brocklehurst; two sons, Brian Brocklehurst (Jen), Bradley Brocklehurst (Emily); two daughters, Melissa Brocklehurst Seether (Eric), Sarah Johnson; one brother, David Brocklehurst; two sisters, Jean Ann Jones, Mary Brocklehurst, and; eight loving grandchildren. John will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation hours were held on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Fairfax Christian Church, 602 North Berwick Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the funeral service immediately following at 1:00 PM. The burial was in the Crown Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #295.



JOHN THOMAS BROWN III - Died peacefully at home in Plano, Texas on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 5, 1940, in Fort Dodge, Iowa to the late Ken and Irene Brown. His fondest memories were from his youth in Blue Rapids, Kansas where he graduated from Blue Rapids High School. When the family moved to Quanah, Texas in 1958, he enrolled at Texas Tech University. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree. In the Fall of 1964, he joined the United States Army and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. He returned to active duty for the U.S. Army in Vietnam as 1st Lieutenant, Executive Officer, and Company Commander of the largest Maintenance and Supply Company from August 1967-November 1968. When he returned, he served for two years as general staff for the U.S. Army Weapons Commander in Rock Island, IL. From 1970 to 1974, his service took him to the Panama Canal Zone at the Tropic Test Center. He was honorably discharged from the Army and received a Bronze Star. He utilized the G.I. Bill and earned a Master of Arts in Business degree with honors from the University of Delaware in 1975. He became an Assistant President for Helmerick and Payne in Tulsa, OK; just over a year later, he moved to Houston, TX to work for Roy M. Huffington as Project Coordinator. During his employment, he was transferred to Jakarta, Indonesia, as Manager of Financial and Administrative Trading of Indonesian LNG to Japan. He was responsible for 10% of Japan's energy consumption and 15% of Indonesian foreign exchange earnings. He traveled around the world five times and visited many countries with his family from 1979 to 1984. He recently retired from Raymond James and Associates as Securities Principal and Registered Investment Advisor. John was an avid adventurer. He enjoyed hunting with friends, fishing with his sons in Alaska, hiking and camping with his

daughter and grandchildren, and traveling with his wife. He was an enthusiastic Texas Tech supporter and an active Delta Tau Delta Alumnus. He supported his friends and family with determination, love, courage, and inner strength. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. John is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Warren Brown and Irene (née Wilson) Brown, and his sister, Christine Brown Steele. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Liz of Plano, TX; three children, Stacy Elizabeth Brown Park and her husband, Harold, of Union, KY, Kurt Cobourn Brown and his wife, Vina, of Spring, TX and Matthew Warren Brown, of Plano, TX; two grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Park, of Union, KY; a sister, Marianne Brown Jennings and her husband, Joe, of Prosper, TX, and; nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at First Methodist Church in Frisco, Texas on February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM. There was a private burial at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery on February 6th at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The John T. Brown III, Delta Tau Delta Scholarship Texas Tech University; PO Box 41081, Lubbock, TX 79409-1081.



RONALD MICHAEL "Mike" BUNCE - Died unexpectedly Sunday, February 25, 2018, in Grand Mound, Iowa at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart disease. Mike was born in Clinton, Iowa to the late Daniel and Lucille (née Jurgensen) Bunce. He graduated from Central Community Schools in DeWitt. Mike joined the United States Army in 1968 and served two tours in Vietnam. He was united in marriage to Teresa Wilkinson on October 11, 1969. Mike worked for Genesis Home Medical Equipment until retirement. Mike was a member of Saints Philip and James Catholic Church in Grand Mound, DeWitt American Legion and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, canoeing, and motorcycles. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Teresa; two children, Amy (Joe) Bexson of Madison, Wisconsin, and Christopher Bunce of Eldridge; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Henry, Riley, Chloe, Sofia, Amelia, and Scarlett; and five siblings, Patricia, Debra, Barb, Steve, and Michelle. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Greg; and infant twin daughters, Susan and Sarah. A memorial visitation was held from 9:00 until 10:45 AM on Thursday, March 1st, at Saints Philip and James Catholic Church in Grand Mound with a Rosary at 9:00. A Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the church with the Reverend Father Francis Odoom, officiating. Interment and military honors were in the Kvindherrd Cemetery in rural Calamus. Arrangements were in the care of the Schultz Funeral Home in Grand Mound.



THOMAS V. BURKE II – Died Thursday, August 17, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 71. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease, aphasia secondary to intercranial hemorrhage of the left frontal lobe. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 4, 1945.

Thomas was retired from AT&T. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**. He was past Post Commander and member of VFW Post #7119. He had also served twice as District Commander of the VFW. He was a member of Millersville Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, AMVETS and was an amateur radio operator. He was also a Kentucky Colonel. He is survived by his wife, Patty Burke; his children, Thomas V. (Allegra) Burks III and Heather (Jonathan) Burks, Ph.D.; his grandchildren, Isla and George; sisters, Jennifer Bogadi, Vicki Gordon and Christie Hovland, and; his brother, Doug Burks. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Flanner and Buchanan-Oaklawn Memorial Gardens (Conner Suite). The funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the funeral center. The burial was in the Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



GRADY LEE BURROUGHS, SR. - Died Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Durham VA Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina at the age of 70. He was a resident of Bayboro, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1947 and raised in New Bern, North Carolina to the late Donald and Bobbie Burroughs. He joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and while on leave one weekend met his forever love, Mable. While serving in Vietnam he asked her to be his bride. They were married January 3, 1969. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this coming January. He worked as an electrician most of his life with Brown and Root and Texas Gulf until the Lord called him into ministry. He accepted his first role as pastor at Cherry Branch Community Church in November 2003 where he served for six years. He did love ministering to his military families. His next church was Bridgeton Christian Church where he served from January 2012 until last year. He would invite everyone but would always say it was a small church, you couldn't hide, and you would be hugged. He was also a chaplain at Carolina East. He often said when he would leave the hospital the patients had blessed him more than he had blessed them. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886** where he also served as Chaplain. He loved his fellow veterans like brothers and enjoyed his time with them. Grady was a blessing to his three children and a wonderful Poppy to his grandchildren. He did love his bride and was not shy about expressing that love. He loved his Lord first and strived to share the love of Jesus Christ with everyone. Grady is now with his mother, father and his sister, Linda. He leaves behind his wife, Mabel Blanche of 49 years; his three children, Christina and husband, Richard Hudson Jr., Linda, and Grady Lee aka "Golden Child"; his eight grandchildren Jordan, Richard "Trey", Christian, Morgan, Logan, Grady III "Lee", Allie, Lillie "His Sissy Pie". He also leaves behind his brother Donald "Buster" Burroughs and wife, Elke; his sister, Hazel Whitford and husband, Joe; and his 6'8" little brother, Richard "Dickie" Burroughs. His memorial service was held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 11th at the Bryant Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Allan Stabley officiating. The family received friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral

home and other times at the home. In lieu of flowers please make donations to your local Veterans service or Bridgeton Christian Church, 306 New Street, Bridgeton, NC 28519.



TERRY LEE BUTLER (USAF, BG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 25, 2018 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 71, after a long illness. The cause of death was ALS – Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born on January 22, 1947 to the late Charles A. and Margaret (née Daniel) Butler in Charleston, West Virginia. He lived in Rand, West Virginia until graduating from DuPont High School in 1964 and then Huntington, WV, where he lived until moving to Alexandria, Virginia. He was a graduate of Marshall University receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 and his Master of Arts degree in Radio/TV Journalism in 1978. In 1968, he started his military career, enlisting in the United States Army as a private. He attained his first piloting dream when he completed US Army Rotary Wing training at Fort Rucker, AL. He was assigned to the 196th Assault Support Helicopter Company and subsequently the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company, Republic of Vietnam in 1970-1971 and was the aircraft commander of the CH-47 Chinook as a Warrant Officer. After serving his tour in Vietnam, he joined the 146th Medical Evacuation Company, West Virginia Army National Guard in 1972. Terry was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1974, making the commitment to continue his training. He earned his United States Air Force pilot wings at Vance AFB, OK in 1975. He returned to the WV Air National Guard, 130th Airlift Squadron until 1986 when he was promoted to Major, and based at the Air National Guard Readiness Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD. In August 1990-1991 he served the 1630th Provisional Wing, Operation Desert Shield/Storm/Southwest Asia. After Desert Storm, he returned to Andrews AFB, Headquarters, Air National Guard where he remained until February 2000. He was promoted to Lt Colonel in 1994 and Colonel in 2000. He served as Air National Guard adviser to Air Force Programs, Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC from February 2000 to November 2004. He received the honor of being promoted to Brigadier General in May 2004. He returned to the Headquarters of the West Virginia Air National Guard as Chief of Staff in November 2004 where he served until his retirement from the military. His distinctions were: Meritorious Service Medal with 2 devices; Air Medal with 14 devices; Aerial Achievement Medal; Air Force Commendation; Medal with 1 device; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor with 3 devices; Air Force Organizational Excellence Award; Combat Readiness Medal with 4 devices; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal with 1 device; Vietnam Service Medal with 3 devices; Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 devices; Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with 7 devices; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 devices; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; Army Service Ribbon; Air Force Training Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait). In addition to his military career, Terry pursued his love of flying and his love of computers. Terry also flew for Pan Am Airlines. He had his Air Transport Pilot rating with the Federal Aviation Administration. He was always on the cutting

edge of technology, starting with his first Apple computer in the late 1980's. He maintained a vast knowledge of computers, which included building and writing software programs. He was always one of the first to own new technology and to master it. Terry loved music. He was in the WV All State Chorus in high school and had a beautiful voice. He played the piano, trumpet, baritone, and guitar. Terry was an avid sports enthusiast, played tennis and loved to run. He was passionate about Marshall University football and basketball. Terry was also a soccer referee for schools in the Washington, DC area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**. After retirement from the military, he was a Program Manager for SAIC (Scientific Applications International Corporation) working with the Air Force IT Department, and then as a USAF Government Civilian Program Manager at the Pentagon until he was forced to retire in 2011 due to illness. His life's dream of a retirement living aboard his boat, the Lazy Day with his wife, Susan, could not be realized. After living life to its fullest, working hard to attain his dreams, that dream was not realized because of illness, Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy and ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). Terry and Susan divided their year between their homes in London, Ontario, Canada and The Villages, Florida; went on cruises in the Caribbean, including the Panama Canal, and were active socially if Terry was able. Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Aubrey and Margaret Ellen Daniel Butler. He is survived by his wife Susan of London, Ontario, and The Villages, FL; by his children Samantha Butler Hutchinson (Benjamin) of Huntington, WV; Alexandra Lee Butler of New York, NY; Tyler Vincent (Suzanne Crellin) of Ingersoll, Ontario and Brennan Vincent of London, Ontario; by siblings Richard W. Butler of Glenwood, WV and Jacksonville, FL; Marsha Butler Williams (Mark) of Huntington, WV, and CMSgt Charles Christopher Butler of Glenwood, WV; grandchildren Thomas, Miah, Scout, and Mary Ashworth, all of Huntington, WV, and Quinn Crellin-Vincent, of Ingersoll, Ontario. A funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, in Washington DC. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association. Arrangements entrusted with Hiers-Baxley Funeral and Cremation Life Event Center, 3975 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages, FL 32162. Sentiments may be left online at www.hiers-baxley.com.



WALTER ELIJAH BUTLER, JR. - Died at 5:30 AM on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 in the Southwest Louisiana War Veteran's Home in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 90. He was a resident of Jennings. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 25, 1927 in Bogalusa, Louisiana to the late Walter Elijah Butler, Sr. and Helen Edna (née Smith) Butler. He served in the United States Marines from 1946 to 1947 and the United States Army from 1951 to 1969. He was a retired military researcher. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058**. He loved to read, do crossword puzzles, loved people and visiting and doing his exercise. Survivors include his wife, Helouise Butler; one daughter, Susan Butler Griffin, of Bayou Chicot; five sons, David Butler, James Butler, of San Antonio, Texas, Charles Butler, of Turkey Creek, Frank Butler, of Turkey Creek and John Butler, of Yellville, Arkansas; one sister, Bessie McCloud, of Shreveport, and; 16

grandchildren and; 15 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Walter Elijah and Helen Edna Smith Butler; and one son, Walter Richard Butler. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 1, 2018 in the Miguez Funeral Home with Reverend Charles McMillin officiating. Full military honors were held in the funeral home chapel. Cremation followed the service. Funeral home visitation was at 10:00 AM on Thursday until the time of the service.



FRANCIS P. "Frank" CAMPBELL - Died Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in Stuart, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related metastatic prostate cancer. He was born on June 15, 1948 in Queens, New York to the late Richard and Jacqueline Campbell. He was the beloved husband of Carol. In addition to his wife, Carol, Frank is survived by his brothers Mike, Chris and John Campbell and sisters Jacqueline Campbell, Barbara Amodeo, Ann Rinaldi, Patricia Campbell and Mary Young. He leaves numerous nieces and nephews who loved their favorite "Uncle Frannie". He joins his deceased brother, Richard J. Campbell, Jr., his sister Theresa Campbell and parents Richard and Jacqueline Campbell. Frank served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam with Delta, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry "Rangers", 1st Infantry Division, "The Big Red One". He served with distinction earning numerous citations and being awarded the Purple Heart. After spending 18 months in a VA Hospital recovering from his injuries he had numerous jobs. The last was as head of security for Miller Place School District. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stuart Chapter #1041**. Frank was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his boat the "Cranky Franky" which he kept at their second home in Stuart, FL. Frank's quick wit, laughter and huge heart will be missed by all who knew him. O.B. Davis Funeral Homes in Miller Place, New York oversaw the arrangements.



STEPHEN MARK CARR - Died peacefully on Monday, September 11, 2017 in his home in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania at the age of 63, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 5, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Edward and Margaret Carr. He was also predeceased by two daughters, Elizabeth Mary and Dana Marie Carr. In addition to his wife, Debra A. (née Wallgren) Carr, he is survived by two sons, Brian M. Carr, of Phoenixville, PA and Scott E. Carr, of Phoenixville, PA; one sister, Joan Carr, of Davis, CA, and; his aunt, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Mr. Carr received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1975 from the University of Minnesota and his Master of Arts

degree in 1985 from the Naval Postgraduate School. He was a Supply Officer in the United States Navy and retired as a Commander after 21 years of service. He more recently worked as an IT professional for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Mr. Carr was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436** and was a huge fan of the Minnesota Golden Gophers football team. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his Funeral Mass at the Saint Ann Chapel, 604 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM officiated by Reverend Father John J. Newns. Burial was held in Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights, MN. Friends were received from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc, Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA or on Thursday morning from 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM in the Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Vietnam Veterans of America by visiting vva.org/donate. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements were handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

CHARLES MARTIN “Chuck” CARTER – Died Wednesday, September 7, 2016 in Canton, Mississippi at the age of 67, in the presence of those he loved and those who loved him. The cause of death is unknown. Chuck was born on December 30, 1948 at Fort. Benning, Georgia, to the late Charles Jefferson Carter and Helen Olga (née Polick) Carter. Being a military child, he lived in many locations while his father was a career Army officer. Some of these were: Augsburg and Darmstadt, Germany; Columbus, Mississippi; Medina, New York; Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Birmingham, Alabama. One of four children, the family finally settled back in Columbus, Mississippi, where Chuck's father finished his military career. Chuck began and ended his education in Columbus, first at Franklin Academy and graduating from S. D. Lee High School. A year after graduating from high school, Chuck enlisted in the United States Army (1967), going on to complete Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, at the age of 18, in 1967. He volunteered to go to Vietnam in 1968 and spent his year there as a Forward Observer and Firing Battery Executive Officer for the 4/42 Field Artillery, in the 4th Infantry Division. While there, Chuck was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart with a V for Valor. He received the Silver Star for his actions in a major conflict in April 1969. Upon his return to the States, Chuck was assigned to the Training Division at Fort Sill, where he taught Field Artillery Tactics. He met and married Sheila Stueve there, with whom he had three children: Julie, Dan and Jeff. Chuck left the Army in 1970 and moved back to Columbus. Shortly after that he moved his family to Starkville, Mississippi, where he was employed and began college at Mississippi State University. In 1974, he joined the 2/114th Field Artillery with the Mississippi National Guard in Starkville. Several years later he took a full-time position with the Guard and began a long career with the MS National Guard. His position took him from Training Officer to Commander, 2/114th Starkville, to the G-3 Officer with the 155th Field Artillery in Tupelo. He was called up for Operation Desert Shield/Storm and spent most of his time at Fort Hood, Texas, and NTC (California) training soldiers in Field Artillery tactics. After Desert Storm, Chuck was assigned as the Plans and Mobilization Staff Officer at National Guard Headquarters in Jackson. He developed many plans for the mobilization of troops during that time. He also worked closely with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in coordinating Guard assets during disasters. Chuck retired from the

Guard in 1995 and from federal service in 2001. He then went to work with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in several capacities until his retirement in 2009. During this time, he also completed his Associates Degree at Hinds Community College. In 2003 Chuck married Margaret Walsh Rosamond, and they enjoyed working together and later traveling during retirement. Their favorite trips were to see children and grandchildren, Walt Disney World, Branson, and military reunions. Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Peter. Chuck is survived by his wife, Margaret (née Walsh) Carter, his daughter and son-in-law Julie and Gary Newcomb (Pflugerville, Texas); son and daughter-in-law Dan and Paige Carter (Brandon), his son Jeff Carter (Jarrell, Texas); step-son and daughter-in-law Matt and Jennifer Rosamond (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA); step-son Jonathan Rosamond (Ocean Springs), and step-daughter and son-in-law Caryn and Jim Stribling (Madison). Other survivors include his grandchildren Joey and Jenni Newcomb; Ashton Thomas; Bryson, Reagan, and Payton Carter; Zachary Rosamond, and Kennedy Stribling. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law Mike and Diann Carter of Columbus, and Tim and Pam Carter of Oxford, as well as several nieces and nephews. Visitation for Charles Martin Carter was on Sunday, September 11, 2016, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Sebrell Funeral Home in Ridgeland, MS. Services were held at 11:00 AM following the visitation. He was laid to rest at the MS Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Newton, MS. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name to the Blair B. Batson Children's Hospital, Saint Jude Children Research Hospital, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the 4th Infantry Division Association, or to a charity of one's choice.

ALBERT BRUCE CHESTNUT – Died Friday, January 12, 2018 at the age of 92 at his home in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. The cause of death was complications from a stroke. He was born in Conway, South Carolina on September 25, 1925 to the late W.B. and Grace Chestnut. Bruce leaves behind his devoted wife of 70 years, Louise Allen Chestnut, also of Conway; their four children, Judie Edwards (Lee), Cookie Millwood (Danny), Buddy Chestnut and Sonny Chestnut (Janice); four grandchildren, Craig Chestnut (Ashley), Leigh Millwood, Matthew Millwood and Lewis Chestnut; one great-grandson, Gavin Chestnut; a sister, Beulah Marvin (John), of Greensboro, NC, and; a host of loving nieces and nephews. Bruce graduated from Conway High School in 1944 at the age of 18 but because he was being inducted into the Army at the time, his Dad accepted his diploma for him on graduation day. Bruce had decided to serve his country as a Paratrooper and he earned his wings at Fort Benning, Georgia. Subsequently, he was assigned to the 517th Combat Infantry Team. Bruce participated in three European campaigns: the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), Central Europe and the Rhinelands. His actions in combat earned him the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star. Bruce left the Army in 1946 and returned to Conway. He married his sweetheart, Louise, at the Conway First Baptist Church on January 3, 1948. He joined the SC National Guard where he served for 14 years. In 1961, while participating in National Guard training at Fort Stewart, Georgia, Bruce received a telegram from the Department of Defense requesting his return to active duty at the rank of Captain. Bruce would spend the next 13 years of his life actively and honorably serving his country with assignments to Fort Hood, TX, Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Monroe, VA, Fort Knox, KY, the Defense Language Institute at Fort Ord, CA, Command and Staff College at Fort

Leavenworth and two separate 12-month tours to Vietnam where he earned the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Vietnam Parachute Wings. Bruce and Louise enjoyed an active and happy retirement in Murrells Inlet. As a member of Garden City Baptist Church, he served as a deacon and member of the church choir. Always the adventurer, Bruce had his private pilot's license and enjoyed flying over the low country. He took soaring lessons when he was 73 years old and enjoyed riding his bright red Vespa scooter. Bruce was a member and one-term President of the Horry County Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. He designed the logo that is currently displayed on their monthly publications. He also served one term as President of the Horry County Historical Society. He and Louise were members of the Myrtle Beach Power Squadron and enjoyed boating trips on the Waccamaw. For years, Bruce and Louise were instrumental in jointly supporting the efforts of a group of Belgian citizens eager to pay homage to World War II American soldiers of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment who liberated Trois Ponts from German occupation. Monuments were constructed at the site of eight battlefields, commemorating the mutual experiences that united our two countries. For several years, Bruce and Louise enjoyed an enduring friendship with the people of Trois Ponts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Garden City Baptist Church. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. Memorial Donations may be made to the Garden City Baptist Church or to Tideland's hospice. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel oversaw the arrangements.



STEVEN M. "Steve" CLAUSON - Died Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 71. The cause of death was a cerebral vascular accident and glioblastoma in the brain. Steve was born in South Bend on August 2, 1946 to the late Jack and Edith (née DeWees) Clauson. On September 2, 1972 in South Bend, Steve married Constance (née Sweitzer) Clauson, who survives. He remained a lifelong resident, working as a carpenter for the City of South Bend Parks Department for 27 1/2 years until his retirement in 2007. He also worked for the South Bend Silver Hawks/Cubs and for Erskine Golf Course. He was formerly a member of Ridgedale Presbyterian Church. Steve served honorably in the United States Navy as a 3rd Class Petty Officer during the Vietnam Conflict from 1969-1970. While serving with the Navy, he was a fireman in Da Nang, Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. Steve enjoyed carpentry, making tables and cornhole games for family and friends, and he loved to play golf. He was an avid fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Chicago White Sox. Steve is survived by his wife, Connie; his aunt, Pat Clauson, of South Bend; his cousins, Jim (Linda) Clauson, of South Bend and Karen (Terry) Hunt, of Vandalia, MI; four sisters-in-law, Linda (Dennis) Hockney, of Antioch, IL, Susie (Bill) Hajec, of Fenton, MI, Kathie (Tom) Lindenman, of South Bend, and Mary (Mike) Huszar, of South Bend; eight nieces; one nephew, and; many great-nieces and great-nephews, and extended family. A Memorial Service for Steve took place later. Palmer Funeral Homes - Guisinger Chapel assisted

the family. Memorial contributions in honor of Steven M. Clauson may be made to Purdue Extension 4H Scholarship Fund, 125 South Lafayette Boulevard, 2nd Floor, South Bend, IN 46601. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.



BRIAN DENNIS COLE - Died Monday, February 26, 2018 in Henrietta, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Prostate Cancer, Massive Stroke and Massive Heart Attack. He was born on March 3, 1948 in Rochester, New York. He is survived by his wife Dianne; his children, Patrick, William and Emily Cole; his siblings, Gregory (Sharon), Heather (Robert) Heimbueger, Ace (Sandra), Sean (Cindy), and; several nieces and nephews. Brian was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends and family visited on Sunday from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Miller Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 3325 South Winton Road. Brian's Memorial Mass was held at 10:00 AM on Monday at Saint Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels, 2061 East Henrietta Road. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20.

WILLIAM CLAY COLEMAN – Died in January 2018 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1950. He served in the United States Army Airborne during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparks Chapter #989**.



FRED D. "Snake" COLLINS, JR. - Died Monday, November 14, 2016 at his home in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 69, with his wife by his side. The cause of death was heart disease. Fred was born in Ponca City on March 30, 1947 to the late Fred D. Collins, Sr. and Onita (née Kendall) Collins. Fred was known in Ponca City as Snake to most that knew him except his grandkids which referred to him as Pawpaw. Snake attended school in Ponca City and graduated in 1965 and then he attended college at NOC. He served a tour of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and he received 3 Purple Hearts for his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. He married the love of his life, Hallit Coburn on August 29, 1966 in Ponca City and they made their home in Ponca City where they raised three daughters and one son. Snake was very active in the Ponca City community and raising of their children and he enjoyed coaching whatever they were involved with. He coached for numerous years in Football, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Fred was also known for his Singing and raising horses and being an Avid OU Fan. Fred was also of the Baptist faith and a member of the American Legion, DAV and Ongoers. Survivors include his wife, Hallit of the home; four children, Penethia Collins and Tamara Collins Reed, both of

Bartlesville, OK, Fred D. "Tink" Collins III and wife Laura, of Norman, OK and Markesha Collins – Duggan and husband Ben, of Ponca City, OK; his grandchildren, Tatiana Collins Cordes and husband Levi, Jeroid Johnson, Ethan Collins, Hallee Gillard, Dru Collins, Doug Collins, Tamia Reed, Tyanna Reed, Cameron Collins, Jordan Collins and Caden Cordes; his brother, William E. Collins and wife Oletha, of Ponca City, OK; one sister, Freda Collins, of Enid, OK, and; several nieces and nephews. Fred was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial Services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the First Baptist Church of Ponca City, OK with Elder Ellsworth Speight, Sr., officiating. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in the Grace Memorial Chapel from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the family in attendance to receive friends and relatives from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



GARY JOHN COLOMBO - Died Friday, March 23, 2018 in Rochester, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1947 in Rochester. He was predeceased by his brother, Peter Colombo. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his son, Peter (Amy) Colombo; his brother, Jimmy, Anthony Colombo; his sisters-in-law, Madelyn Harter, Toni (Rob) Vandenbergh; his grandchildren, Alex, Nick, Gabriella; his nieces and nephews, Rick, Cindy, Katie and Brian; his best friends, Stevie, Fino, Rey, and; the remainder of his RFD Brothers. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Gary will always be remembered as a funny, smart, kind and generous loving man. He would give the shirt off his back for anyone in need and always lend a helping hand. Gary will be sadly missed by all that knew him. His legacy will live on forever in our hearts. Family received friends from 4:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Newcomer Cremations and Funerals, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue (corner of Long Pond Road). A memorial service and tribute was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the Chapel of Peace at Riverside Cemetery, 2650 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612. In lieu of flowers, friends may make contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20 P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612.

JAMES M. "Jim" CONNELL, SR. - Died Thursday, February 15, 2018 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on June 24, 1944 in Dayton to the late Thomas and Elizabeth (née Lamm) Connell. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerald Connell and sister, Kathleen (Connell) Stevens. He is survived by his six children, Beth Moore (Scott Bell), Jim Connell, Jr. (Anne), Erin Materu, Tom Connell (Jill), Katie Grant (Aaron), and Brian Connell; seven grandchildren, Zack Moore, Olivia Connell, Max Materu, Collette and Robert Connell and Adam and Cass Grant; his sister-in-law, Sandy Connell and brother-in-law, Jim Stevens. Jim was a proud graduate of Chaminade High School, University of Dayton and University of Notre Dame Law School. He served as a Captain in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He retired after 35 years working as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office. Jim was a lifelong member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The

family received friends on Tuesday, February 20th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Westbrook Funeral Home, 1712 Wayne Avenue, Dayton. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, February 21st at 12:00 Noon at Saint Albert the Great Catholic Church, 3033 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering. The burial was in the Calvary Cemetery.



DONALD GERALD “Don” COOK - Died unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon, January 31, 2018 near Dafter, Michigan at the age of 69, due to a car accident. He was a resident of Kincheloe, Michigan. The accident also took the life of his wife, Janet (née Akre) Cook. Don was born on March 7, 1948 in Vincennes, Indiana to the late Nobel and Crystal (née Land) Cook. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Vincennes with the class of 1967. He married Janet Akre on November 7, 1970 at the First Baptist Church in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. Don served his county in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He worked as an Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic in Tuy Hoa, Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from Kincheloe Air Base in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sault Sainte Marie Chapter #180**. Later, he worked as a corrections officer at Kinross Correctional Facility and Lakeland Correctional Facility. Don was a member of Fundamental Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting and shooting guns. He was an all-around outdoorsman, who loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. Don loved pies and peach cobbler. Don is survived by a son: James (Carla) Cook of Coldwater, MI; a daughter: Kelly Barnes of Louisville, KY; and four grandchildren: Nathan and Jacob Barnes, and Keegan and Nolan Cook. He is also survived by his sisters: Donna Neighbors and Cindy (Dan) Wood both of Indiana. Don was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: Susie Bennett; and a grandchild: Janene Cook. A combined funeral service for Don and his wife Janet was held at Noon on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the Fundamental Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. Friends visited the family at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be left to Maplewood Baptist Academy or Canaanland Bible Camp. Arrangements were handled by the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

WALTER TED COOPER – Died Monday, January 15, 2018 in Grand Prairie, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 2, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**.

CHARLES W. CUNNINGHAM – Died recently in 2018 in Portland, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



ROBERT S. DELSI - Died Thursday, March 1, 2018 in Casa Grande, Arizona at the age of 69, after losing his battle with Agent Orange-related cancer. He lived a courageous life dedicated to helping others. He was born on November 11, 1948 to the late Joe and Connie Delsi. He was also predeceased by his sister, Lupe Delsi and his wife, Teresa Delsi. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 9, 1969, when many were being drafted. After advanced infantry training at Camp Pendleton, Robert went to Vietnam on July 6, 1969. His duty better known as "grunt", involved carrying a M79 grenade launcher. He was gravely wounded from enemy fire in the Que Son Mountains after he and others were ambushed. He was pinned down for four days in the muddy and rainy jungle. On the fourth day a chopper was able to rescue Robert and several other wounded Marines while under heavy enemy fire. Robert was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. On October 23, 2015 Robert was inducted in the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame for his many service contributions in the community and across the United States, which include: speaking at schools, advocating on Suicide Awareness, PTSD, and Homeless Veterans. Robert volunteered at Veteran Stand Downs, Marine Corps Toys for Tots, active member of the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432*, 3MARDIV, Marine Corps League, and Patriot Guard. He was the Marine Corps League State Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms for the Ira Hayes American Legion. He was a board member for the Piestewa Fallen Heroes Memorial. He made special effort to recognize Veterans and Gold Star Families by presenting them with handmade necklaces to signify the sacrifice and bond shared by all associated memorial. He was a member of Saint Anthony Catholic Church. Robert is survived by his siblings, Ophelia Costales, Richard Delsi, Frances Delsi, Carlos Delsi, Terri Delsi and Joe Delsi; his children, Rudy Delsi, Roy Delsi, Michael Delsi, Rick Espinoza, Rudy Espinoza and Roland Espinoza. He joins his parents in heaven Joe and Connie Delsi, his late sister Lupe Delsi, as well as his beloved late wife Teresa Delsi. Viewing and Rosary was held on March 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM at the J. Warren Funeral Services in Casa Grande. The funeral was held on March 8th at 9:00 AM at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Casa Grande. He was buried in Marana at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



RICHARD HERVE GERARD DESCHAMBEAULT - Died Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 80. He was a resident of Saco, Maine. The cause of death was end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on March 4, 1937 in Biddeford, Maine to the late Joseph B. and Leona (née Boucher) Deschambeault. He graduated from Saint Louis High School, class of 1954. On February 2, 1963, he married Madeleine Coté in Saco. He entered the United States Air Force on July 21, 1955 and retired as a Technical Sergeant on July 31, 1972. He went on to work at the

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in the electrical shop before retiring from there and moving on to Maine Medical Center in Portland. He was a member of the American Legion, NCOA, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. He enjoyed playing cards and golf and loved listening to the BeeGees. His favorite thing was the time that he spent with his family and grandchildren. Richard is survived by his wife of 54 years, Madeleine Deschambeault, of Saco; two daughters, Pamela A. Emerson and her husband Edwin, of Biddeford and Debbie D. Mazjanis and her husband Brian, of Portland, Maine; one sister, Florence Masse, of Biddeford; two brothers, Normand Deschambeault and his wife Beverly, of Portland and Donald Deschambeault and his partner Darlene Green, of Arundel, Maine, and; four grandchildren, Dillon and Danielle Emerson, and Peter and Maddy Mazjanis. Visiting Hours were from 9:00 to 10:30 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Hope Memorial Chapel, 480 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME. A Funeral Service was celebrated immediately following at the funeral home. The burial was in the Saint Joseph Cemetery in Biddeford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's name may be made to either the Saco Food Pantry, 67 Ocean Park Road, Saco, ME 04072 or the Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 Us Route #1, Scarborough, ME 04074. Arrangements were made by the Hope Memorial Chapel.



GERALD T. "Jerry" DONNELLAN - Died Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home in Valley Cottage, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was suicide caused by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Jerry was born in Nyack, New York on December 28, 1946 to the late Michael and Anna Donnellan. The youngest of 5 siblings, Jerry grew up with the fishermen on Piermont Avenue, just two doors down from the American Legion. He attended Saint Anne's school in Nyack and went on to be the 1st graduating class of the brand-new Albertus Magnus High School. Jerry attended Rockland Community College and studied theater and stage management. He continued his studies at Texas A&M until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1968. While Jerry jokes that he is "Rockland County's least successful draft dodger", he was quite successful in completing extensive and grueling training and became a Sergeant with the US Army Rangers. While in Vietnam, Jerry and his patrol were ambushed. After being wounded several times in the arm and leg, Jerry was at least happy to be alive. Soon after, however, the enemy threw a grenade into his foxhole. While the rest of his patrol was able to scramble Jerry was too badly injured to move. He threw his pack on top of the bomb. The explosion threw him completely out of the foxhole. Jerry's left arm and leg were badly torn apart while his right arm sustained a compound fracture and his right leg below the knee was completely missing. They had to wait for the night to pass before the helicopters could come in safely. Jerry always said that the sound of the rotors at dawn that morning was the sweetest thing he ever heard. After many surgeries and endless physical therapy at Valley Forge Hospital, Jerry was able to finally move home to be with his wife and young son, Sean. In 1970, a day after he returned home, Jerry began to work for Rockland Community College as their stage manager. In 1973, Jerry became stage manager at the Theater-Go-Round in Nanuet which ultimately led him to becoming a stage manager at the Westchester Premier Theater. This is where he met Frank Sinatra. And so, began an 11- year career as Frank Sinatra's stage

manager where Jerry traveled around the world and met many wonderful actors and entertainers. In 1986 Jerry decided to take a different career path. He had just recently learned that more soldiers had committed suicide than had died in the Vietnam War. He was hired by then County Executive John Grant as an entry level Veterans Counselor and began to work in the county's Veterans Agency Office. In 1992, Jerry was appointed Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and held that position until this past January 2018 when he retired after 30 years of service to our Veterans and their families. During his tenure as Veterans Director, his many accomplishments include creating the local **Chapter #333** of the **Vietnam Veterans of America** of which he was a *Life Member*, opening the 1st Rockland County Veterans Homeless Shelter, creating the Camp Shanks Museum, and opening the first VA clinic in the United States. Jerry was also the creator of the annual Memorial Day "Watch Fires". Each year on Memorial Day, 3 separate fires are lit around the county. These fires were fashioned after those lit by General George Washington's army during the Revolutionary War. Jerry served on numerous boards throughout Rockland including the Salvation Army, Rockland Community College Foundation, the United Way, Dominican college, to name just a few. He was also the recipient of countless awards and medals of honor for his many years of faithful service. Jerry Donnellan will best be remembered by his strong yet eloquent voice and speeches, his poignant and thought-provoking writing, and his unending love, loyalty and devotion for his friends, family and fellow Veterans. Jerry is survived by his Best Friend and Beloved Wife MariEllyn Dykstra-Donnellan and two adoring sons, Sean Donnellan (Candice), of Los Angeles and James Thurston (Angela), of Valley Cottage. He will be missed by his three beautiful Grandchildren Isla, Alec and Bella. Jerry's 150 lb. dog, "Ducks", also survives him and is totally lost without him. Jerry is predeceased by his sister Ellie Yule, sister in law Madge Donnellan and Sean's Mother Deborah Partridge. He is survived by his brothers Donald Donnellan, Jim (Sue) Donnellan and sister Kathleen Donnellan. In addition, Jerry will be wildly missed by many nieces and nephews. Uncle Jerry was loads of fun, "a professional bad example" and their absolute favorite Uncle who was larger than life. Visitation hours were held at the Joseph W. Sorce Funeral Home, Inc., 728 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY on Wednesday, March 28th from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 29th at 11:00 AM at the Fire Training Center on Firemans Memorial Drive in Pomona. A military graveside service was in the Fred Loesher Cemetery at 220 Brick Church Road. An Irish Wake was held from 2:00 -7:00 PM on Thursday at the American Legion Post on Station Road in Pomona where food, drink, friendship and memories were shared among friends and family. Donations may be made in Jerry's name to the Military Order of the Purple Heart-Chapter #120, 20 Station Road, Pomona, NY.



EVERETT NEAL DOWELL - Died Friday, June 30, 2017 at his home in Muskogee, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1950 in Ponca City, Oklahoma to the late Jesse Frank Lee and Jennie Augusta (née Stout) Dowell. He attended school and graduated from Ponca City High School. He was drafted in the United

States Army in 1969 and served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. After his service he returned home where he met and married Marsha Love on April 10, 1976 in Ponca City. During their 17 years of marriage they had four children John, Jennifer, Marcus and Shannan. In 2001, he met and later married Peggy Mayo. They were together until her death in February of 2011. Everett came to the Muskogee area six years ago from his hometown of Ponca City after the death of wife. He was a proud supporter and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Ponca City Chapter #750** and helped in the construction of the POW/MIA Monument in Ponca City. He was the President of the VVA Chapter #750 of Ponca City from 2005 to 2010. During his presidency he also helped organize the first poker run that helped fund the POW/MIA Monument. In 2007 he was awarded Veteran-of-the-Year for Region #7. He loved to go camping and he always enjoyed riding his motorcycle anywhere that he wanted to travel. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Pete, Babe, David, Joseph and Bobby Dowell, and; two sisters, Stella Jones and Linda Burnhardt. He is survived by two sons, Marcus Dowell and wife Kristen, of Cordell and John Youker, of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Jennifer Ogle, of Muskogee and Shannan Gibson and husband Jimmie, of Checotah; one sister, Sue Randall and husband Bob, of Newkirk; ten grandchildren, Brittany, Katelynn, Kasey, Kolby, Laura, Ambria, Kara, Loren, October and Wynter, and; numerous other relatives and a host of friends. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday July 14th, in IOOF Cemetery in Ponca City.

PAUL A. DOYLE - Died Sunday, March 11, 2018 at James H. Quillen VA Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Bristol, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1948 in Bristol to the late James Preston and Lena Ruth (née Roark) Doyle. Paul was a United States Army Veteran and served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. He attended Landmark Mission Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judy (née Cross) Doyle; and siblings, James Preston Doyle, Jr., Tommy Doyle, Lettie Hawkins, and Patsy McClain. He is survived by his sons, Bruce Allen Doyle and Scott Anthony Doyle; his grandchildren, Madison Ann Doyle, Jenna Nicole Doyle, and Kira Autumn Doyle; his siblings, Ruby Privette, Peggy Price and husband, Robert, John Doyle and wife, Judy, and William Earl Doyle, and; several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Forest Hill Memory Gardens with Pastor Charles Brooks officiating. Military honors were conducted by the Bristol VFW Honor Guard. The family received friends from 5:30 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Weaver Funeral Home. Online condolences may be registered at www.weaverfuneralhome.net. Arrangements were made with the Weaver Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

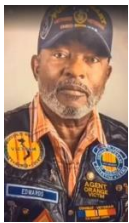


ROBERT S. "Bob" EARLY - Died Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Unity Point Trinity in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 73. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death

was cancer. Bob was born on December 12, 1944 in Davenport, Iowa to the late William and Alberta (née Gathje) Early. He married Jeanie Miller in 1965. Bob was a United States Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He retired from John Deere in 2004 and prior to that he worked at the former Ringle Express and Lee Early and Son Trucking. Bob was a member of Legion Post #227, East Moline, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**, VFW Post #8890, MAVVA, FOE Post #1839, Friends Circle, the Svithiod Club, East End Club and the Viking Club. He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, bowling and throwing pics. He especially loved his dogs, Abby, Max & Frank. and Chuck the Cat. Survivors include his son, Jeff Early, Moline, sisters, Linda Klier, Moline and Sara (John) Robinson, Rapids City, Ill., and brother, Rick Early, Moline; nieces and nephews, Scott, Staci and Stephanie Early and many more beloved family members including, Collie, Cari and Kirk Olson and being Papa to Kaylyn Buckrop. He was preceded in death by brothers, Jim and Tom. Visitation hours were from 2:00-6:00 PM on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1st Street A, Moline. Burial was at National Cemetery, Rock Island, with military honors conducted by the MAVVA. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Quad-City Honor Flight or QC PAWS. The family invited everyone to celebrate Bob's life at the American Legion Post 227, East Moline, at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 16th.

ROBERT L. ECKERT – Died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 in Jefferson, Wisconsin at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 19, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Christina. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whitewater Chapter #409**.

MARVIN LEONARD EDDINGS - Died Sunday, February 11, 2018 in Bradford, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milan, Tennessee on October 30, 1948 to Vera Carey, of Bradford and the late Leonard Rex Eddings. He was a member of the Oakgrove Baptist Church and he was a retired Mechanic. During the Vietnam War, he served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Trenton Chapter #1124**. He is survived by five children Adam Eddings (Tara) of Milan, Doug Eddings (Mandy) of Milan, Brad Eddings (Debbie) of Medina, Jake Eddings of Milan and Wanda Evans (Roy "Boogie") of Bradford; his Mother, Vera Carey, of Bradford; one sister, Charlene Whitehead, of Bradford; eighteen grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Bodkin Funeral Home with burial in the Oakgrove Cemetery near Milan. Visitation with the family was held on Saturday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the funeral home.



ROBERT LEE EDWARDS, SR. - Died Thursday, October 27, 2016 in Tennessee Colony, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 3, 1948. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palestine Chapter #991**.

He is survived by his children, Marcus (Destiny), Robert, Lee, Jr. (Gina) and Reshune; his spouse, Ira Jean Coffman; twenty grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren, and; many whom he reared; and a host of other relatives and friends. A Celebration of life was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 7th, at the Good Shepherd Temple of Praise, 5625 Good Shepherd Way. Visitation hours were held from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 6th, at Tree of Life. The family receive friends from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the church.



GEORGE EDWARD EINHORN - Died Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 27, 1948 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Edward and Amelia (née Cornacchio) Einhorn. George had 4 siblings; Joyce Emens, Denise Covino, Edward Einhorn and Jacqueline Einhorn (pre-deceased) and the family lived in Elizabeth, NJ. In 1967 George volunteered to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corps. A member of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines known as "*The Walking Dead*"; George served as a PFC in Vietnam and returned home both a decorated hero and a wounded warrior. He received both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his bravery and service to his Country. On July 19, 2002, George married and is survived by his loving wife Patricia Marie Moyle. He was loved and will be dearly missed by his devoted daughter, Tammy Bandola; his son, Anthony and daughter-in-law, Lisa; his son, Randy and daughter-in-law, Krystal, and; his stepsons and step-daughter-in-law, William and Danielle Moyle, and Shawn Moyle. George leaves behind eight grandchildren, Nicholas, Michael, Keirstyn, Jeremy, Renee, Brooke, Anthony, Jr. and Mackenzie, and; one six-month old great-grandchild, Ryleigh. George worked for over 40 years in HVAC as a technician and sales specialist until his retirement. He remained an active member of the Central Jersey Leathernecks, the Marine Corp League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and the American Legion. While in retirement George and Pat enjoyed watching NASCAR, going on cruises and visiting the timeshare they've owned for over 25 years in Saint Martin. A place where they made lifelong friends as well as many great memories. George was also an animal lover, doting over their four rescued cats (including preparing and serving them lobster and salmon for dinner). A wake was held at the Flynn and Son/ Koyen Funeral Home, 319 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen, NJ from 2:00-4:00 and from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday February 23rd. A Funeral and Military service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 24th at the Flynn and Son followed by an interment in the Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to JFK Haven Hospice or the American Cancer Society, in George's memory.



FREDERICK L. "Fred" ELBERT, JR. - Died Sunday February 18, 2018 in the Rose Lane Nursing Home in Canton, Ohio at the age of 70. He was a resident of Canton. The cause of death was seizures and diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born on August 9, 1947 in Queens, New York to the late Frederick L. Elbert, Sr. and Evelyn (née Frick) Elbert. He was formerly employed as a Sherriff Deputy for Orange County, New York and had attended North Industry Christian Church. Fred was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran where he served with the Force Recon unit and was a POW for four years and seven months. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Liverpool Chapter #1064**, VFW, American Legion; honorary member of the Leathernecks Nations MC MaDeuce Chapter and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Elbert; one brother and one sister. Fred is survived by his wife, Denise Kidd-Elbert to whom he was married in 2013; one daughter, Melissa Elbert (Brian Cavanaugh) of East Palestine, OH; two stepchildren, Kari (Andy) Moreland of Canton, Kristofer (Theresa) Chadwell of N. Canton; ten grandchildren, Jay and Jessica Geraci, Cassidy and Cody Valen all of New York, Chase Chadwell of Wisconsin, Allyson, Abbygail, Hannah, Olivia and Lily Moreland all of Canton; and great-grandchildren; his service dog, "Murphy". Funeral services were on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the North Industry Christian Church with Chaplain Drew Kearns and Pastor David Cunningham co-officiating. Friends and family were received on Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the church. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to SAVE22, the Leathernecks Nations MC MaDeuce Chapter or to your local military charity.



MARK F. ESTELL - Died peacefully Thursday, December 14, 2017 at home in Naples, Florida at the age of 77, with his wife, Judy, the love of his life, best friend and soulmate at his bedside. He had pulmonary fibrosis and was on oxygen the last two years. Mark was born on January 6, 1940, raised in Washington Borough, Warren County, New Jersey, the only child of the late Frank and Marie Estell. He was drafted into the United States Army in the early 1960's and sent to Korea where he was a Scout and patrolled the DMZ for 13 months. Mark was proud to have been in the First Cavalry Division and was usually seen wearing the pin on his shirt or hat and bumper sticker on the car. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. After leaving the Army, Mark attended the School of Visual Arts in NYC and then on to Empire Beauty School in Easton, PA. From 1969 until 2001 he owned and operated his own hair salon, Mark Estell Hair Design in Easton, PA. In 2001 he and his wife Judy moved to

Naples. From 2002 to 2014 he worked at a few salons in downtown Naples, specializing in precision haircutting. Per Mark's wishes he was cremated and there were no memorials or services. Many thanks to the doctors and staff at the Naples and Lee County VA clinics for the many years of professional and courteous treatment he received. Also thank you to the Collier County EMS and Sheriff's Office who responded with compassion when called. In Mark's memory, thank a veteran for their service, give to the homeless and hungry, do a good deed for a stranger and be a blessing to someone today.



STEPHEN JOSEPH "Steve" FALHAMER, JR. - Died Thursday evening, February 8, 2018 at the Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 69. He was a resident of Athens, Ohio. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure with hypoxic, pneumonia, diastolic heart failure and acute kidney injury. Stephen was born on November 20, 1948 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen Joseph Falhamer, Sr. and Julia Ann (née Wasilow) Falhamer. He was a 1966 graduate of Brookfield High School. Shortly after high school, he joined the United States Army and served his country until his honorable discharge in 1974. He then continued his education at Hocking Technical College until 1978. He worked for the United States Postal Service in Albany for 30 years until he retired in 2010. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America = Athens Chapter #100*. He was a devout Roman Catholic and a past member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church. He was a loving and caring brother and uncle. Stephen will be deeply missed by his loving sisters, Mary (Dale) Stoeckel and Tracy (Albert) Betler; his brother Frank Falhamer; his nephew Jeffrey Betler; and his niece Lisa Betler. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services for Stephen were held on Monday February 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Lane Family Funeral Homes - Madasz Chapel, 6923 Warren-Sharon Road in Brookfield, Ohio, officiated by the Very Reverend Father Zanni, V.F. The burial was in the Brookfield Township Cemetery.



ALFRED DOUGLAS FARRELL - Died Sunday, November 11, 2012 in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 10, 1942 to the late Ora Lee Young. He is also predeceased by his eldest daughter, Alfreda McCosta. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War on a three-year tour. He worked the trenches as an artillery man. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452*. He is survived by his former wife, Gertrude Tyler; his children, Darryl McKnight, Tami Dalger, Tyreese McAllister and Al-Tariq Fuller; his siblings, Mary Frances Butts and James Thompson, and sons-in-law, Billy Dalger and Anthony McAllister. He is also survived by his twelve grandchildren, other relatives and friends. The funeral services were at 12:00 Noon on

Sunday, November 18th, from Woody "Home for Services," 163 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ., where the family received relatives and friends from 11:00 AM until time of the services.

EDWARD J. FEALEY – Died Tuesday morning, March 21, 2017 at the Geisinger Community Medical Center at the age of 76, following an illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ireland on June 12, 1940 to the late John and Kate (née Langan) Fealey. His wife of 22 years is the former Ellen Tuohy. They had known each other since 1962. He owned and operated his own trucking company. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving in the Vietnam War and was also a member of Staff Sergeant Paul A. Sweeney American Legion Post #807. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, family, friends and all who knew him. Also surviving are sisters Mary Christine Zeunges and Elizabeth Calabrese and her husband Joseph; nieces Tracey Calabrese, Shannon Shoemaker and her husband Joshua; nephews Michael Zeunges, Craig Zeunges and his wife Brittany; Marie Price and her husband Charlie, a brother-in-law Harry Tuohy and his wife Sara, Deirdre McKenna and family, Fergal Tuohy and family, Gerard Tuohy and family; Eric Price and his wife Lisa, Gerard Tuohy and his wife Megan, Margaret Tuohy and her husband Derek, and Kerri Rodman and her husband Shawn. He was preceded in death by a brother Michael Fealey. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 10:00 AM in Saint Mary Church, 305 Saint Mary Church Road, Lake Ariel. Anyone attending Mass was asked to go directly to the Church. Friends were able to visit on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM in the James Wilson Funeral Home, 143 Gravity Road, Lake Ariel. Cremation took place at the Mass in the Lake Region Crematory, Lake Ariel. Memorial contributions may be made by mailing your donation to the Dessin Animal Shelter, 138 Miller Road, Honesdale, PA 18431.



FRED R. "Freddie" FELDMAN - Died Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on November 4, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois and has made Jacksonville his home for the past 32 years. Fred proudly served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, completing 2 tours of duty in Vietnam, exposing him to Agent Orange, resulting in his passion to fight cancer which he has done since 1970. Fred's own battles with cancer is what led him to want to help others fighting the disease. Fred never used cancer as an excuse to not be able to do something. If anything, cancer gave him a strength to want to conquer it and help others any way he possibly could. Fred spearheaded and ran Cancer Support Groups at his churches over the years reaching out to many needing support. He also was a long-time volunteer for the Richard Bloch Cancer Hotline talking to patients from all over the globe. During his early treatment days Fred discovered the benefits of medical marijuana and worked to educate others about the proper use of it way before it became an item on the voters' ballot. He has been a Licensed Massage Therapist since 1994 serving on the Olympic Sports Medicine Team for the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996, Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002 and Athens,

Greece in 2004. As a massage therapist, Fred was self-employed for 20+ years and always traveled to his clients, who he truly loved and valued. In his leisure time Fred loved to golf. In fact, if it wasn't freezing cold you would find him on the golf course every Saturday morning with his golf buddies. Fred volunteered as a Marshal for the last 20 years at THE PLAYERS Championship TPC Sawgrass...you could find him on Hole 5. He volunteered his time as a Lector for his church and was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046** of Duval County. He was also a member of the VVA Honor/Color Guard and participated in activities helping veterans. Fred was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a living example of Christian values that he passed on to his family. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Barbara; his sons, Ryan and Jordan (Jazmin); his grandchildren, Brayden, Lillian, Brooke, Wyatt and Harley; his sister, Peggy Kreiser (Larry); his brother, Steven, and; extended family. He was recently predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Lyndsey. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2400 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach, FL with Reverend Father Mark Waters as Celebrant. A private inurnment was held in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Due to recent unexpected death of Fred's daughter-in-law, Lyndsey, the family requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to an account set up to help Fred's son and grandson transition to a life without her. To access the account, go to www.youcaring.com/lyndseyfeldman-1089449.



JEAN-PAUL "J.P." FONTAINE - Died Saturday, February 10, 2018 at The Landing at Saco Bay, Maine, formerly the Monarch. He was 75 years of age and a resident of Biddeford, Maine. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Biddeford on August 28, 1942 to the late Ernest and Germaine (née Landry) Fontaine. He attended Saint Joseph's Elementary School and in 1961 graduated from Saint Louis High School. He joined the United States Navy soon after graduation and served on the USS Lenawee Troop Transport, transporting servicemen to Vietnam. Following his discharge, he served in the Naval Reserves for 10 years, then another 10 years in the National Guard Army Reserve, 133rd Engineering Division retiring in 1986 with a total of 25 years of service. In 2004 he retired from General Dynamics in Saco, formerly known as Maremont after 38 years of employment. He was a communicant of Most Holy Trinity Parish. J.P. was a dedicated volunteer for the Saco Meal's Program, feeding the hungry. He was also dedicated to the East Biddeford Little League, as well as serving as manager of the B.S.B. (Biddeford Savings Bank) team. He followed his son's youth sports, playing a role as official scorekeeper and umpiring both the Little and Senior Leagues. He enjoyed bowling in multiple men's leagues at both 20th Century and Vacationland Bowling. He also enjoyed trolling on the Saco River with his kid brother, Marc and in his younger years he liked to go deer hunting. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. J.P. was a dedicated family man who not only loved participating in his

children's sporting events but also took great pride in not missing and making sure to attending all their concerts, recitals and plays. He loved being Pèpère and took pride rocking those babies to sleep. J.P. was predeceased by his furry friends Buffy, Mica, Angel and Miss Kitty. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jackie (née Roy) Fontaine, of Biddeford; his children, Cheryl Beaupre and her husband, Steve, Cathleen Kiley, Shawn Fontaine and his wife, Alison; nine grandchildren, Katrina, Minh, Bailey, Michael, Abby, Megan, Drew, Nathan, Matthew; one great-granddaughter, Cai; his siblings, Richard Fontaine and his wife, Paulette, Dianne Baker, Marc Fontaine and his significant other, Suzanne Lemay; his sister-in-law, Janet Champagne who spent hours weekly with Jackie exercising and helping to care for J.P. for the past 25 months at the Monarch along several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 16th at 10:00 AM at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Saco, 271 Main Street. The family received relatives and friends beginning at 9:30 AM. Burial with military honors was that afternoon at 2:00 PM at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Stanley Road in Springvale. Those planning and expressions of sympathy were asked to consider donations in his memory to the Saint Louis Alumni Associates, 649 Elm Street, Biddeford, Maine 04005, Saco Meals Program Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 513, Saco, Maine 04072, or the Alzheimer's Association, 383 US Route 1 #2C, Scarborough, Maine 04074. The family would like to thank the staff at Monarch for the compassionate and loving care given to J.P. and his family these past 25 months as well as the staff of Beacon Hospice for the past 12 months. Arrangements were under the direction of the Carll-Heald and Black Funeral Home, 580 Main Street, Springvale, Maine.



BENJAMIN F. "Benny" FOREMAN - Died Monday, November 20, 2017 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 13, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Friends were cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Davis Funeral Home, 901 South 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Benjamin's life was conducted at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 812 Harnett Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment was in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

NORMAN J. FUHR – Died recently in 2017 in Fort Gratiot, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 27, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Navy from October 17, 1960 to August 21, 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**.

WAYNE L. GABRIEL – Died recently in 2017 in Neenah, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**.

BILLY BARSTOW GENTRY – Died Monday, March 5, 2018 in Union Hall, Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1948 in Fountain Green, Maryland. He served in the United States Army from September 29, 1967 to September 28, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from March 1968 to March 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061*. Arrangements were made by the Flora Funeral Service and Cremation Center, Rocky Mount.



CHARLIE EDRIC GIFFORD, JR. – Died Saturday, July 1, 2017 in Mount Dora, Florida at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1933. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036*. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans or Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home – West Altamonte Chapel in Altamonte Springs, Florida oversaw the arrangements.



HENRY GEORGE GILES - Died Monday, February 19, 2018 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1933. He was the beloved husband of Noreen (née Zeuner) for 58 wonderful years; the loving father of Paul (Nicky), Pamela (William), and Jennifer (Frank); cherished grandfather of Colin, Ian, Emma, Samantha (Matt), Audrey (TJ), Johnny, Ava, Lindsey, Kyle, Rachel, and Jack, and; loving brother of Richard, and the late Colin (Butch), Peggy, and Chris. He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and retired the rank of CWO4. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528*. He worked for Detroit Edison for 38 years until his retirement in 1993. Henry loved family, travel, and classic cars. Visitation hours were on Friday, February 23rd, from 12:00-8:00 PM at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The funeral service was on Saturday, February 24th, at 10:00 AM, also at Harry J. Will. In lieu of flowers, donations in Henry's name can be made to the: Vietnam Veterans of America - VVA Chapter #528 Plymouth, MI 48170.



LONNIE C. GILLESPIE, JR. - Died Thursday, November 9, 2017 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 87. The cause of death was heart failure. Lonnie was born on October 29, 1930 in

Anderson County, South Carolina to the late Lonnie C and Lessie (née Gore) Gillespie, Sr. He was raised in South Carolina. He enlisted in the United States Air Force July 1948, where he was stationed at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK. He was discharged and retired in 1968 as Master Sergeant. After retirement he worked for Northrop at Vance AFB in aircraft maintenance until his retirement in 1992. He was instrumental in creating the Static Aircraft Display at Vance AFB. Lonnie married Elsie L Beaver on December 17, 1950, in Blaine County on the family farm. He was a member of Willow Road Christian Church, the DAV, The American Legion, Enid Masonic Lodge, Enid Shrine Club, Scottish Rite, Antique Car Club, and a lifetime member of the NRA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. Lonnie is survived by his wife, Elsie; his daughter, Peggy Anderson and husband Doug, of Wildwood, MO; three grandchildren, Michael Gillespie, of Yukon, OK, Kristin Terpstra and husband Ben, of Coralville, IA, and Lauren Arnet and husband Jim, of Ballwin, MO; two great-grandchildren, Sammie Arnet and Branwen Terpstra; two sisters, Margaret Cockrell and husband Jack, Betty Gillespie, and; two sisters-in-law, Marie Gillespie and Alice Gillespie. Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Mark Gillespie; five brothers, and; four sisters. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the Ladusau-Evans Chapel with Reverend Carrel Still, officiating. The burial was at 2:00 PM in the Canton Cemetery, Canton, OK. The arrangements were under the direction of Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Woodring Wall of Honor with Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home serving as custodians of the funds.

LAWRENCE EDWARD “Larry” GILLOTT – Died Tuesday, February 20, 2018 in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on Staten Island, New York on April 30, 1947. He is survived by his wife Leora “Lee” Gillott. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sun City Chapter #1043**. Funeral Home Services for Lawrence were provided by the Sunland Memorial Park, Mortuary and Cremation Center of Sun City, Arizona.



THOMAS J. “Tom” GLEASON III – Died Friday, March 23, 2018 in Hamlin, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 17, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and his children, Thomas J. (Kristy) Gleason IV, Stephanie (Neil) Kendrick, Shawn (Lisarie) Gleason, Kelly Keck and Kelly (Tim) Sanderson; his grandchildren, Kyra and Elijah Gleason and Nathan and Ashton Kendrick; his brothers, Dan (Laurie) Gleason, Ralph (Buffie) Gleason and Russell (Carol) Gleason, and; his sisters, Susan (Dan) Golding and Veleta (Richard) Muhs. Tom was a United States Army retired Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends visited the family on Monday, April 9th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc., 735 East Avenue in Hilton, where his Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, April 10th at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the Pembroke National Cemetery.



HAROLD K. GRAVES, JR. – Died peacefully Tuesday, January 30, 2018 in Nevada City, California at the age of 76, in the arms of his loving wife, Patricia. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 15, 1941 in Louisville, Kentucky. Six weeks later, he and his father, mother and older sister moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma. After four years, they moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he spent his childhood managing the neighborhood group of children. On any warm summer day, as five or six kids stood in a circle and one asked, "What can we do today?" the whole group looked at Harold. He always had a plan. Some people are born to be excellent followers. A few are born to be leaders. Harold Graves was a leader. In 1952, the family moved to Berkeley, California where he started the sixth grade and then continued, graduating from Berkeley High School. Harold was a leader in the Sea Scouts for several years. The family moved to Mill Valley, California in 1959. His military life began with basic training at Fort Ord, California. He was chosen for Officers Candidate School in Georgia, and then went through Jump School and Ranger School. His leadership abilities were evident in 1966 when he was sent to Vietnam and was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi. His first assignment was with the 2nd of the 27th Infantry Wolfhounds where he had the first platoon in A company. Then, he took over Battalion Recon and was used as a fourth company. He was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry-in-action while leading his men in an attack against a strong North Vietnamese force after being pinned down in intense enemy fire. Though wounded, he led his men in an assault on a bunker, while encouraging his men to follow him. He then directed the evacuation of other wounded to the rear. In February '67, he became the Aide-de-Camp to the new Assistant Division Commander, BG Edward Flannigan. Two months later they moved into Westmoreland's Villa in Saigon. General Flannigan had become the Special Assistant to General Westmoreland and it turned out that Harold's only job was to set out the name tags for the evening meal. At his request, he left the next day and went back to the 25th Division and took over the job as Aide-de- Camp to the other ADC, General Don Bolton. He finished out his tour flying every day with General Bolton. During his service, he received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Viet Nam Service Ribbon, Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, Air Medal with 11 OLC, and Combat Infantry Badge. After active duty, he returned to Mill Valley, obtained his Broker's License in Real Estate and managed an office for a large real estate company. He was again, a leader in several capacities during this time, President of the Mill Valley Jaycees, President of the Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce, President of the Mill Valley Rotary Club and President of the Marin County Board of Realtors. He served on the '71-'72 Marin County Grand Jury where they deliberated the fate of Angela Davis and the San Quentin Six. In 1980 he took a complete 180 and decided on early retirement, dropping out of all the organizations with which he had been so completely involved. In September of 2001 he and his wife, Patricia, bought a home in Nevada City, and he became very involved in the community. He loved living in Nevada County and was most proud of the way veterans were made to feel particularly welcome. He joined and became a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**, in 2002 and served as

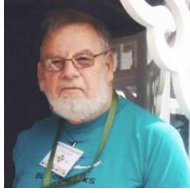
their President for a total of four years. He was also a proud honorary member of the Blue Knight Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club where he made many true and loyal friends. Their many rides across the U.S. were some of the highlights of his life. Harold will be forever remembered by the 'love of his life' his wife, Patricia, and his loving daughters Jennifer (Mark) and Kerry (Geheris), and his four wonderful grandchildren, Katy, Rebecca, Taylor and Ashley. He will also be truly missed by his sister, Nancy, his nephew Scott (Kristen), his niece Stacey (David) and several great nieces and nephews. Among those who will forever remember him are his loyal friends, Stu Fisher, Wells Rasmussen, Bob Troutt and Chris Lopiccolo. Many thanks go to James E. Irons, MD, of the VA Sierra Foothills Outpatient Clinic in Auburn, who was not only his doctor but also his friend, and to the wonderful staff of Hospice of the Foothills, particularly his nurse, Erica. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to: Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #35, P.O. Box 37, Grass Valley, CA 95945. A 'Celebration of Life' was planned sometime in the spring.



JOHN W. GRIFFIN (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Indiahoma, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on March 6, 1948 in Tishomongo, Oklahoma to the late Clyde and Imogene Griffin. John leaves behind his wife of forty-seven years, Barbara; his two children, Matthew and Erin, and; two grandchildren, Caleb and Katelyn. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



WILLIAM H. HALL - Died Monday, February 5, 2018 in Smithtown, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 3, 1945 in New York. He was a proud Vietnam War Army Veteran who served in the 1st Calvary Division and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. He was the beloved Husband of Maureen; loving Father of William (Cheryl), Jonathan (Audra) and Christopher; adored Grandfather of Ashley, Justin, Kieran and William, and; dear Brother of Carole Ward and Michael (Rena) Hall. Reposing at Branch Funeral Home 190 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral service was on Thursday at 8:00 PM at The Branch Funeral Home. The closing prayer was at 10:00 AM on Friday at the funeral home. The interment was in the Calverton National Cemetery.



RICHARD EUGENE HALSTEAD - Died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at his home in Bellevue, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack after 5 ½ years of dialysis, kidney failure due to Agent Orange-related diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born on December 3, 1947 in Three Rivers, Michigan to the late Herbert and Doris (née Crawford) Halstead. He was a very funny person who loved to joke around. His passion was going fast, he was known for his love of cars (especially hot rods), racing, and as a gear head. Richard was very proud of his service to his country, serving in the United States Army during Vietnam, he was honorably discharged and later enlisted in the United States Air Force for 3 ½ years, and after his honorable discharge again enlisted, this time in the National Guard. Richard married Marie A. Roth on October 4, 1969. They loved spending time with family, and traveling, especially out West. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville (Georgia) Chapter #772**. Richard is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie; his son, Rick Eugene (Amber) Halstead, Jr.; his daughter, Laura (Robert) Wiborn; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; his sister, Geraldine Jaquez, and; his brothers, James (Linda) Halstead, John (Paula) Halstead, and Roger Halstead. He was predeceased by his parents, and his brother, Herbert, Jr. Funeral services were on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, Michigan with Pastor Chuck Jenson officiating. Visitation was just prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 PM on Sunday, February 11th. If desired, the family suggested memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project. Friends and family were encouraged to share memories of Richard on his Tribute Page at www.PayFuneralHome.com. The family was in the care of the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan.

NEIL C. HAMILTON - Died Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 80. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on November 14, 1936 in Buffalo, New York. He served in the United States Coast Guard and retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service. He served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sun City Chapter #1043**. Husband of Geraldine (née Kujawa) Hamilton, he is survived by three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There was no prior visitation. Family and friends were invited to join a funeral cortège on Saturday April 8th at 10:30 AM which assembled outside of the M.J. Colucci and Son - Niagara Funeral Chapel, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY, 14304 and processed to the Riverdale Cemetery, 5605 Old Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY for funeral services with military honors at 11:00 AM. Memorials to Disabled American Veterans, 130 South Elmwood Avenue – Suite #620, Buffalo, NY, 14202.

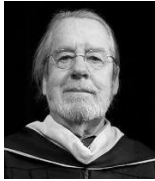


FRANKLIN JAY "Frank" HARBAUGH - Died Friday, March 21, 2014 in Oscoda, Michigan at 64 years of age. The cause of death was cystic fibrosis. He was born on June 5, 1949 in Flint, Michigan to the late Robert Harbaugh, Jr. and Genevieve Harbaugh. He is survived by his wife, Jill Ann Harbaugh of Oscoda; one brother, Robert R. (Nancy) Harbaugh, Jr., of Oscoda; nieces and nephews, Cary (Kim) Harbaugh and Tonya (Brian) Greenfield along with numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his best friend and brothers, David Wright, Gerald Ray and many more. Preceded in death by his parents, Robert Jr. and Genevieve and his son, Jay Harbaugh. Frank was a United States Army Vietnam veteran. He was a retired assembler with General Motors and member of both the Oscoda American Legion and VFW and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**. He enjoyed fishing and riding his motorcycle. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Oscoda Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home, 212 River Road. The family received friends from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM. Burial took place in the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. In lieu of flowers, donations suggested to Operation Comfort Warriors or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Franklin J. Harbaugh.

LEONARD ARTHUR HARETER – Died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 75. He was a resident of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born in Woonsocket on April 25, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Anita and his daughter Sherry. He served in the United States Army from June 1, 1964 to May 28, 1966. He received training at the Signal School in Fort Gordon, Georgia. During the Vietnam War, he served in Germany with the Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery for One year and five months. He was a radio teletype operator. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Lincoln/Woonsocket) Chapter #818**.

JOHN FLOYD HARTZELL, SR. - Died Thursday, August 12, 2010 in Newport News, Virginia at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was a native of Altoona, Pennsylvania born on July 16, 1941 and a peninsula resident for six years. Mr. Hartzell retired as a Master Electrician for the Department of Public Works District of Columbia and was a lifetime member of the Harley Davidson Owners Group. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of Newport News; his daughter, Deborah Ramsey and her husband, Stephen, of Sterling, VA; his son, John F. Hartzell, Jr. and his wife Temple, of Newport News, and; two granddaughters, Arielle and Autumn Hartzell. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. The family received friends from 3:00 - 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at the W. J. Smith and Son Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 16, 2010 at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery with Pastor Lynwood A. Wells officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to the American Lung Association, 5349

East Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23502-1828 or Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Arrangements were made by the W. J. Smith and Son Funeral Home.



HARRY GENE HENDERSON - Died Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center at the age of 77. He was a resident of Elkins, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sistersville, West Virginia on September 20, 1940. Harry moved to Elkins in 1992 to take on a second career as an associate professor of business at Davis and Elkins College after a distinguished 26-year career as an officer in the United States Navy and graduate of the Naval Academy. Harry was well-loved in his role as teacher, mentor and advisor for hundreds of D&E students over his 25 years at the college. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coalton Chapter #812**. Harry leaves behind four children, Zach Henderson, Jessica Regan, Jennifer Earle and Georgianna Henderson; five grandchildren, Luke Ezias, Annalise Rose and Angelique Camille Earle and Joseph Harry and Ruby Carmella Regan; and two granddogs, Simon Henderson and Prince Regan. A celebration of his life was held at the Jabberwock Bar and Grill from 4:00-6:00 PM on Saturday, March 24th. Harry wanted his ashes brought back to his family cemetery in Sistersville. There was no formal funeral service. The surviving family has set up a memorial donation to be made to D and E soccer, a beloved pastime of Harry's. In lieu of flowers or gifts, you can donate here at www.youcaring.com/for_harry.



SAMUEL REED "Sam" HERMANSTORFER - Died Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in Ramsey, Minnesota at the age of 70. The cause of death was bladder cancer and heart failure. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 22, 1947 to the late SJ and Ruth Hermanstorfer. He was also predeceased by his wife, Janet and his brother, David. He is survived by wife Kathy and his daughter, Sara (Jeff) Casey; his brother, Mark (Bev); two granddaughters, and; many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Nha Trang, Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470**. A Celebration of life was celebrated on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the James Ballentine VFW Post #246, 2916 Lyndale Avenue S., Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VVA Chapter #470 (763) 421-5738.



PHILIP R. HOELZEL - Died Saturday, September 30, 2016 in Fleming Island, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 16, 1943 in Norfolk, Virginia and resided in Fleming Island, Florida. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1970. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Safety and Health Manager at NAS Jacksonville which is what brought him and his family here in 1985. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. He enjoyed visiting various nursing homes throughout the Jacksonville area and he was very active with the Orange Park Senior Center. Mr. Hoelzel is survived by his daughters; Fuji (Mike) Padgett and Michi (Jeff) Bird; six grandchildren, Bailey, Dawson, and Kobe Bird and Shawn, Casey and Jessica Padgett, and; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Tyler Padgett. He is preceded in death by his wife, Yoshiko Hoelzel. A visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, October 10th at the Harbor Baptist Church of Fleming Island and the funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 11th at the Harbor Baptist Church with interment in Holly Hill Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by the Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, FL 32068. Please leave words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com.



ROBERT "Bob" HOVERSTEN - Died peacefully at home in Saint Cloud, Minnesota on Friday, January 26, 2017 at the age of 67, with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on April 28, 1949 in Milaca, Minnesota to the late Raymond and Phyllis (née Gravel) Hoversten. Bob served his country in the United States Army from 1967 - 1969. He attended Pipestone Technical College for a degree in meat cutting. He worked for several years as a meat cutter before working in water and sewer construction. Bob worked hundreds of hours as a volunteer at the Saint Cloud VA Medial Center. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290** and VFW Post #6992. He was a member of the Waite Park American Legion. Bob enjoyed horse shoes, cards and cribbage. He had a life-long love of fishing. He enjoyed watching football with his family and he loved to laugh and play with his grand babies. Bob is survived by his wife Pat of 32 years; his sons, Jason, Joshua (Brittany), Aaron and Bryan (Christine); his daughters, Kelly Potter and Darcy Ellis; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson, and; his sisters, Mary Hoversten and Renee (Ken) Bruns, and; many nieces and nephews. A memorial gathering was held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Sauk Rapids VFW, 901 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

SANDRA (née Logan) "Sandi" HOWETH - Died Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Palmetto Richland Health at the age of 73. She was a resident of Manning, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 18, 1944 in Sumter, South Carolina to Dorothy "Dot" (née Pritchard) Logan and the late Fred C. Logan. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and the Ruth Sunday School Class. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960** and A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE). Sandra retired from the Department of Social Services in South Carolina and the Department of Human Services in Maui, Hawaii. She specialized in child welfare and adoption. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Leslie Lynn "Les" Howeth; her mother, of Sumter; a son, Gregory L. Howeth, (Dana), of Maui, Hawaii, and their daughter, Cassidy; a daughter, Shari Beth Howeth (fiancé, Ricki Williams), of Paxville, her children, Brianna (fiancé Derrick Ellis) and Abigail; and Colton's fiancé, Lindsey Pollard and great-grandchildren, Payton, Landon, and Braxton. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Colton. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Sunday at the Bethel Baptist Church with the Reverend Larry Fraser and the Reverend Allen Glass co-officiating. The burial was in the church cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Ruth Sunday School Class and the Bethel Women on Missions. The family received friends from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Sunday at the Bethel Baptist Church and other times at the home of her mother. In Lieu of Flowers, the family requested that memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154. The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of the 11th floor of Palmetto Richland Health for all their care and compassion during her illness. The Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter oversaw the arrangements.

LUCILLE HUGHES – Died Friday, October 6, 2017 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on March 23, 1943 in Buffalo, New York. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**.

DENNIS LEE ILER - Died Monday, October 23, 2017 at his residence in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 64, following a brief fight with throat cancer. He was born on September 16, 1953 in Ponca, Nebraska to the late John and Marlene (née Olson) Iler. Dennis joined the United States Army after graduation. He lived in Delaware for 25 years and was self-employed as a carpenter. Dennis retired to Watertown in 2009. He was a member of the American Legion Codington County Post #17 in Watertown. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1121**. Dennis is survived by his son, Daniel (Shelly) Iler and their three sons, Matthew, Brent and Jake, all of Sartell, MN; his sisters, Jeri (Scott) Mohror, of Brookings, SD, Tami (Duane) Sonen, of Castlewood, SD, Tanya Iler, of Castlewood, SD and Shelley (Hugh) Bartels, of Watertown, SD; his stepmother, Alice Iler, of Aberdeen, SD, and; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; mother; brother, Scott Iler; and his niece, Tricia Sonen. Visitation hours were from 5:00 - 7:00 PM with a Time of Sharing at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 26th at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. The burial took place later.



CARL E. JOHNSON, JR. – Died Wednesday evening, February 7, 2018 in Saint Albans, Vermont at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Colchester, Vermont on June 16, 1934 the youngest son of the late Carl E. Johnson, Sr. and Cecile (née Granger) Johnson. Carl was a graduate of Bellows Free Academy, Champlain College and the University of Vermont. During high school he was in the United States Naval Reserve and then proudly served six years in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He also served as a guard at the United States Embassies in Europe and the Middle East. He had memberships in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of their Color Guard, the American Legion, the 40 and 8, the Marine Corps League, belonged to the Vermont State Guard and was an *Honorary Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**, Saint Albans Lodge #1566, B.P.O.E., a Shriner for 50 plus years and the Saint Albans and Swanton Historical Societies. He was a Sergeant on the Saint Albans Police Department for 9 years and was with Vermont State Probation and Parole Officer for 29 years, retiring in 1996. Carl was an EMT at AmCare Ambulance for 9 years and 9 years part-time as a Detention and Enforcement office for the U.S. Immigration. He worked part time as sexton, groundskeeper and served on the board of directors of Greenwood Cemetery since 1962 and was a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff for 51 years. Carl enjoyed reading and researching military history. Carl is survived by his wife, Lillian Pare; his son, Carl David Johnson and his daughter, Doctor Elizabeth Johnson Brown and her husband, Professor Colin Brown of York, England and their 3 children. He is also survived by his 72stepchildren, Linda Morrie and her children, Emily Walker (Joe), and their children, Sam, Hailey and Michael, Dianne Trippany (Jason) and Abigail Morrie and Timothy Pare and his wife, Lisa, and their children, Jim and Jack. In addition to his parents, Carl was predeceased by his brothers, Guy Johnson and Howard Johnson and his sister, Nelga Johnson DuBois. A graveside service with military honors was held on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 12:00 Noon at the Greenwood Cemetery, South Main Street, Saint Albans. It was Carl's wish that any memorial contributions would go to AmCare Ambulance, P.O. Box 207, Saint Albans, Vermont 05478. Assisting Carl's family was the Heald funeral Home in Saint Albans.



GEORGE RUSSELL KAINE (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, March 24, 2018 at his home in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1937 in Duluth, Minnesota to the late Peter W. and Elsie (née Elmgren) Kaine. All maternal and paternal grandparents migrated to the Great Lakes region from

Sweden, Norway and Finland in the early 1880, late 1890's and early 1900's. The family moved to Douglas, Arizona in 1947 where Kaine graduated from Douglas High School in 1954 and later from the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1958 receiving a BA in journalism and named a Distinguished Military Graduate, commissioned to the Regular Army. He retired from the Army after 30 years in 1988 and relocated to Harrisonburg. He became the 13th family in the Lakewood subdivision. His wife at the time, Daphne, preceded him in death in 1998. In 1999 he married Freddie Kay Keller, originally of Strasburg, VA, she also preceded him in death in February 2015. From an earlier marriage Kaine has a daughter, Cynthia Caudell and husband, Herb of Middletown, OH and two sons, Timothy Kaine of Florida and Stephen Kaine of Ohio. In the most recent melded family there is Freddie Kay's daughter, Leslie See and husband, Terry of Winchester. Between George and Freddie Kay there are seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews around the country. Also surviving is two of his wife's sisters and families living in the Valley. During his Army career which included Infantry, Military Police and Public Affairs assignments, he was stationed twice in Germany, twice in Vietnam and once in Belgium. He graduated from the Infantry Officers Leadership Course, Military Officers Advanced Course, Army Command and General Staff College (Commandant's List Graduate) and completed the National Security Management Course from the Industrial College of the Army Forces. The Army also sent him to Michigan State University where he earned a MS Degree in Police Administration. His decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Three Bronze Stars, one for heroism and two for meritorious service, Air Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal and three Army Commendation Medals on long with several service and campaign medals to include the Vietnam Service Medal with seven campaign stars. He also wore the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge. He was awarded the Honor Medal First Class from the Republic of Vietnam, holds marksmanship awards from the German Army, and was named an honorary officer in Argentina's Cuerpo Guardia de Infanteria for work done with the Agency for International Development. During his first tour in Germany, he was a competitive marksman in pistol, rifle and shotgun and won the US Army Europe Prix LeClerc individual pistol match in 1960 as well as leading the winning two-man team competition. While editing for the MP Corps branch magazine in the mid-1960's he was elected VP of the Appalachian Industrial Editor Association and served for a few months on the National Education Committee of the American Association of Industrial Editors before being assigned to Vietnam as a special zone advisor. Working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), he was a team leader and later head of DOD's 1973 prisoner of war return, Operation Homecoming, public information office. The Aviation/Space Rites Association presented him one of the 1974 Awards of Excellence for that effort. In 1982, while serving as Provost Marshal, Director of Security and Commander of the International Police Force at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), he was honored with a formal presentation to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II recognizing some nine years of promoting interoperability and combined military police operations in NATO. Immediately prior to retirement he spent four years as Director of Public Affairs for what was then the Army's world-wide Military Traffic Management Command. Shortly after settling in the Valley, he began working as a columnist and editorial writer for two monthly military affairs magazines published in the United Kingdom. Eventually, he wound up writing for Jane's, a renowned

publishing house. He continued writing through the end of 1996. As Lakewood continued to grow, he served on the Lakewood Homeowners Association organizing committee and followed as the group's first secretary. From 2009 to 2014 he chaired the LHA architectural review committee. Also, in the early 90's he headed the organizing committee for the Central Shenandoah Valley Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (now Military Officers Association of America) and served as its Charter President. Beginning in 2010 he served on the group's board as past president emeritus. He was a life member of American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans of America and joined the local VVA chapter in 2016. A recreational vehicle enthusiast since the mid-70's, Kaine became active in the state organization of the Good Sam RV Club in the late 1980's and was a charter officer of the Blue Ridge Chapter of that group in 1989 later joining the Fox Chase Chapter. In 1990, he was appointed to the state staff and in 1993, began the first of two elected terms as state director. He retired for family health reasons at the end of 1996. Returning in 2002, he was elected twice for State Treasurer following the death of an incumbent. From 2006-12, he and his wife served as ambassadors for the Virginia organization promoting state events and travel throughout the country. From 2004-12 he also served as head of the association past state directors from the 12 southeastern states. In 1995, Kaine commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, recognizing his promotion of the many charitable causes supported by Good Sam Members and Chapters, Mrs. Kaine was similarly commissioned in 2007. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. Travel and discovery were a passion, over the years he saw five continents, some 40 countries, all 50 states and nine Canadian provinces. While married to Freddie Kay, the pair went to England, the Maritime Provinces of Canada. Kaine was cremated and was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. A celebration of life was held at the Kyger Funeral Home on Friday, March 30, 2018, from 5:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to one's favorite charity, Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Road, Central Point, Oregon 97502.



STANLEY KALWINSKI, JR. - Died Saturday February 10, 2018 in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 72, with his loving wife, Alice by his side. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Kidney failure and Heart failure. He was born on January 5, 1946 in Berchtesgaden, Germany to the late Stanislaw and Janina Kalwinski, Sr. He leaves behind two children, Julie (Sean) Hogan and Gregory (Elizabeth) Kalwinski; five grandchildren, Kyle Gora, Alexis Hogan, Brody, Luke and Jack Kalwinski; two brothers, Mark (Linda) and Myron (Kathy) Kalwinski; nieces and nephews, Michele (Jeff) Gale, Chris Litavec, Nicholas, William, Gretchen and Laura Kalwinski, William and Don (Laura) Bernacky; his brother-in-law, Carl (Shirley) Bernacky. He was predeceased by his sister, Ursula (Alan) Litavec; his grandson, Alexander Kalwinski. Stanley was a graduate of Saint Casimir, Clark and Purdue where he earned his electrician degree later in his life. He served in the Vietnam War with the United States Army assigned to the 83rd Artillery Unit from 1966-1968. He worked 29 ½ years at LTV Steel and In Pact Services. He was a life time member of the American Legion and VFW of Calumet City, Hammond, Highland and South Haven post. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He was past Grand Knight of the Knight of Columbus of Our Lady of Sorrows Church along with being an Altar Server and RCIA team group member. Stanley loved reading War Books, traveling and pet birds and

especially loved the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. He enjoyed spending time with children and grandchildren. Thanks to lifelong best friend Les Powicz, and close friends The Helmuth, Bakker and Smolen families, Our Lady of Sorrows Church families and friends who gave and supported our family with their gifts, kindness and love thru difficult times. A special funeral services was held on Wednesday, February 14th at 11:30 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church located at 356 West 700 North, Valparaiso, IN with Reverend Father Paul Quanz celebrating. Cremation was performed after the service. Friends met with the family on Wednesday February 14th from 10:30 AM until the time of the service at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church and join them immediately following the service at the church fellowship hall for a funeral luncheon. Thanks to cousins Chin-Cha, Marsha and Joanie for their kindness along with neighbors. Donations in Stanley's memory can be made to VNA and Paralyzed Vets of America or the Hospice of Porter County. For more information please call White Funeral Home.



DAVID R. KENNISTON - Died Monday, March 12, 2018 at UnityPoint Health – Trinity in Rock Island, Illinois at the ae of 69. He was a resident of Coal Valley, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 27, 1948 in Long Beach, California to the late Frederic and Helen (née Purcell) Kenniston. He was previously married to Veronica Gilson. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. David was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal as a Materials Handler, retiring in 2000. He was an avid race car fan and loved his children. Surviving are his daughters; Sara and Tara Kenniston and sons, Robert and Richard Kenniston. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Randy Westphal. Committal services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Rock Island National Cemetery where military honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299.

JAMES GARRETT KITTRELL, SR. - Died Friday, February 9, 2018 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 8, 1946 in Springfield, Nevada to the late Paul and Nina Kittrell. He grew up in Marshfield and lived at Rainbow Bend, Nevada. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a munitions specialist. Jim leaves behind many friends and associates at IGT, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparks Chapter #989** and Canyon GID. For many years, he was a driver for RSVP in the Lockwood community and was member and officer of the Rainbow Bend Country Club. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his two brothers, Kenneth and Dennis. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Alicia; two sons, Timothy and wife Anna, of Anadarko, OK and James, Jr. and wife, Laura, of Hamburg, IN; two daughters, Lisa and Laura, both of Springfield; three sisters, Nina, of Springfield, Paula, of Broken Arrow, OK and Tammie, of Springfield, and brother, Troy, of Springfield; seven grandchildren and four great-grandsons, and; swarms of cousins.



MARTIN E. KRAVARIK - Died Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Penn Medicine at Princeton, New Jersey at the age of 82. He was a resident of Kendall Park, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx, New York on January 20, 1936 to the late Martin and Anna (née Petrucha) Kravarik. He resided in South Brunswick for about 30 years. He earned his BA in 1958 from Rutgers University, and earned his JD in 1968 from Seton Hall University School of Law. He was a Captain in the United States Air Force, having served for 5 years as a pilot. He was a past Assemblyman in Trenton, General Attorney for the New Jersey Highway Authority Garden State Parkway in Woodbridge, a Municipal Court Judge in Monroe Township, and a Superior Court Judge for Middlesex County. He was a member of the American Judge's Association, American Bar Association, a former General Council Delegate for the NJ State Bar Association, and a former Trustee Middlesex County Bar Association. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233*. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, the late Stephen Lowry Burkhart. He is survived by his wife, Manuela Kravarik; two sons, Martin D. Kravarik and Mark S. Kravarik; one daughter, Marisa Burns; one brother, Donald Kravarik, and; six grandchildren. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the M.J. Murphy Funeral Home, 616 Ridge Road at New Road, Monmouth Junction. Calling hours were held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the funeral home.

RICHARD L. LARSON – Died recently in 2018 in Manhattan Beach, California at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 7, 1947. He is survived by his daughter, Kara (née Lawson) Maloney. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – California*.



ROGER W. "Randy" LAVIGNE – Died Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Salem, New Hampshire at the age of 71. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes mellitus – type II, bladder cancer and chronic kidney disease. He was born on May 15, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He earned his Purple Heart, but more importantly, blessed his world with a heart of gold. His faithfulness and devotion made our lives richer and showed us how to love completely. Semper Fi, dear Randy. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hillsboro Chapter #992*. Friends and guests were invited to call on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home at 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lavigne Family. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Vietnam Veterans of America in memory of Randy.

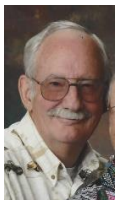


JAMES DAVID "Dave" LEWIS - Died Saturday, February 24, 2018 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 68, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on October 28, 1949 in Cumberland to Mary F. (née Bartlett) Lewis, of Tennessee and the late James Franklin "Red" Lewis and wife, Barbara A. Lewis. A graduate of Allegany High School, Class of 1967, Dave was a United States Air Force Veteran having served in Vietnam and retired as Chief of Police at the Thomas B. Finan Center. After retirement, he was a Bailiff at the District Court. For many years, Dave was a CPR and First Aid instructor. He was a member of Our Lady of the Mountains Parish where he was very active in teaching adult religious education classes, Sunday school, and was a Eucharistic Minister. Dave's faith was very important to him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, and the American Legion, Baltimore, MD. Dave loved to read and listen to classical music. Dave is survived by his wife of 36 years, Terry L. Lewis; his daughter: Jessica D. Lewis-Grimm and husband, Jason; his son: J. Derik Lewis and significant other, Brianna Persons; and his grandson: Aiden C. Grimm. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home by the VVA Chapter #172 Color Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be made in Dave's name to the Schwab Family Cancer Center, 12500 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502, Attention: Julie Hardy. The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at the Schwab Family Cancer Center for being a second family to Dave during his illness, to Royann Matthews and Chelsea Matthews, for all the care and dignity they gave to Dave and to the WMHS Home Hospice Unit for all the care and compassion given.

WILLIAM E. MACHUS, JR. - Died Monday, January 29, 2018 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 3, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. Memorial Visitation hours were from 2:30 - 8:00 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018 at the Gendernalik Funeral Home. A Veterans Service was at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018 in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America.

ROBERT DARRELL MADARIS - Died Saturday October 17, 2015 in Chickamauga, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chickamauga on May 11, 1947 to the late Robert Frank Madaris and Nora Irene (née Amos) Madaris. A lifelong resident of the Chickamauga area, he was a 1965 graduate of Gordon Lee High School and a member of the VFW in East Ridge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Darrell was a Veteran of the United States Army where he served during the Vietnam War and a graduate of Chattanooga State, receiving two degrees in Business Administration and Mechanical Engineering. Darrell retired from Combustion Engineering after 30 years of

service and was a member of the Boiler Makers Union. After retiring from Combustion, he began working as a self-employed carpenter and handyman, and used this as a ministry to help people and to be able to minister and tell people about his Lord and Savior. He was a member of Garrett's Chapel Baptist Church, where he served as former choir director for 10 years. He also served as choir director at Jones Memorial Baptist Church and Wallaceville Baptist Church. Darrell never met a stranger and loved fast cars and pickup trucks. Above all his accomplishments and everything he did, Darrell was a dedicated Christian and loved to tell people about his Lord. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert Frank and Nora Irene Amos Madaris and brother, Roger Lee Madaris. He is survived by his loving wife, of 31 years, Delois "Cookie" (née Tucker) Madaris, of Chickamauga, Ga.; his stepson, John Traffanstedt, of Chickamauga, GA.; his sister, Sherry (Joel) Farmer, of Rossville, GA.; his sister-in-law, Charlene (Roy) Kennett, of Valley Head, AL.; his brother-in-law, Larry Tucker, of Ringgold, GA.; his three stepgrandchildren, Alicia Yarbrough, Hannah Farley and Bella Traffanstedt; his great grandchild, Chloe Yarbrough; his niece, Julie (Billy) Robison; his three nephews, Jeremy (Nicola) Farmer, Mike (Mary) Kennett and Doug Tucker, and; several great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2015 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Harris officiating. The interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Thursday until funeral time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to Garrett's Chapel Baptist Church, 1323 North Long Hollow Road, Chickamauga, GA. 30707 c/o Pastor David Harris. Arrangements were made by the Wilson Funeral Home J. Avery Bryan Chapel Chickamauga, Georgia.



DAVID L. MAJORS (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at The Living Centre after many months of fighting pancreatic cancer. He was 74 years of age and a resident of Stevensville, Montana. He was born on May 25, 1943 in Aberdeen, Washington to the late Jason and Bernadine Majors. David attended King's Garden High School in Seattle and Seattle Pacific College. In 1960 David and his mother moved to Missoula where David attended and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in wildlife technology. On June 26, 1965, David married Carolyn G. Fite of Missoula. David began his ROTC two-year program as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Transportation Corps at Fort Eustis, Virginia. David and Carolyn were stationed in Toulon, France for a year and then in Kaiserslautern, Germany for a year. David was then sent to Vietnam in 1968. David retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, July 7, 1993 after 26 years of military service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. David and Carolyn have resided in the Stevensville area for 43 years and David is a retired rural postal carrier from the Stevensville Post Office since 2003. He belonged to the Ravalli Co. Fish and Wildlife Association and served as president. He received the Nick Kramis Conservation Award in 1994. David enjoyed his family and hunting with his son and grandsons. He also loved vintage cars and belonged to the

Hamilton and Missoula old car clubs. David is survived by his wife Carolyn of Stevensville; two sons, Glen and his wife Lisa, of Manhattan, MT and Michael and his wife Shanna, of Spokane, WA; one granddaughter and five grandsons. Open viewing and visitation was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Whitesitt Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors was held on Friday, August 25, 2017 at 4:30 PM at the Greenwood Terrace Cemetery in Spokane. The family suggested that memorial donations may be made in David's name to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in Missoula.



STEPHEN IVAR "Steve" MALMBERG – Died Sunday, March 4, 2018 in Pasadena, California at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack – died in his sleep. He was born in Menominee, Michigan on June 28, 1940. He is survived by two daughters. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Founding Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pasadena Chapter #446**.

GEORGE W. MANUEL, SR. - Died Sunday, July 8, 2012 at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 63. He was a resident of Union Beach, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on October 20, 1948. George was a graduate of Dickinson High School. He served in Vietnam in the United States Marine Corps. George was an officer with the Jersey City Police Department for over 25 Years before retiring in 2004. He loved his family, hunting and fishing and the company of his friends. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Blue Nights Motorcycle Club. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. George is survived by his son, George W. Manuel, Jr., (JCPD); his daughter, Jessica Manuel; his brothers, Robert and Steven Manuel; sisters, Patricia Dunn and Deborah Kampe and grandchildren, Gabriela Lee, Sarah Lee, Shannon Elizabeth Manuel and George Patrick Manuel. Visitation hours were at the McLaughlin Funeral Home on Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. McLaughlin Funeral Home, 625 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 oversaw the arrangements.



ROBERT E. "Bob" MARQUIS – Died Friday, January 5, 2018 in his sleep in his home in Richardson, Texas at the age of 77. Bob had been fighting an aggressive form of lung cancer. was born in Nashua, New Hampshire on October 10, 1940. Bob proudly served in the United States Marine Corps for 21 years. He served two tours in Vietnam during the war. He met his future wife in Nicaragua while in charge of the embassy security. Later, they would form their own Security Guard company and run it together. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. He is survived by his wife, Liana, his five

children, Alfonso and Rebecca, Dr. Alexander and Cathy, Wilfredo, Dr. Liana Raquel, Dr. Jorge and Dr. Jo Anne Meier, and ten grandchildren that he loved very much. He was a friendly man who loved to talk to anyone around him. He loved to dance and cook dinners with his friends in the Gourmet Club for over 25 years! Services for Robert Marquis were held on Friday, February 2nd at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 1201 Alma Drive, Plano, TX 75075. Visitations and Military Honors began at 10:00 AM, followed by a Mass at 11:00 AM, and ending with a reception at the Parish Center across the street (1105 West 15th Street). The Marquis family would like to thank everyone who has reached out to us with their thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to COTSO (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Charitable-Organization-For-Texas-Security-Officers-COTSO-154626828035824/>), or a charity of your preference that benefits veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of: ARIA Cremation Service and Funeral Home, 19310 Preston Road, Dallas, Texas 75252.



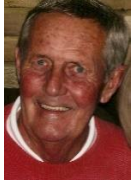
DONALD DALE MAZE - Died Sunday, July 16, 2017 at home in Gregory, Lyndon Township, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1947 in Kane, Pennsylvania to the late Forrest and Zelda (née Jamison) Maze. He had lived in the area since 1985, coming from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Donald was a veteran of the United S Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He worked as a Tool Manager for Ford Motor Company for 33 years, retiring in 1998. He enjoyed fishing, going to garage sales, Coleman lanterns, and was an avid Republican. On August 22, 1970, he married Mary Jane Caldwell in Pennsylvania, and she survives. Also surviving are his children, Roxanne Maze, of Chelsea, Keith Maze, of Grass Lake, and Lance (Nicole) Maze, of Chelsea; his grandchildren, Lacy, Mikhaila, Taylon, Dominick, Collin, Ashleigh; one great-grandchild, Adilyn; and his siblings, Tom Littlefield, of Illinois, Chuck (Doris) Littlefield, of Lewiston, Nate (Deanna) Maze, of Maybee, Lola Bruesch, of South Carolina. He also had many close family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings: Skip Littlefield, Margaret “Peg” Kinzinger, and Doris Novak. A Memorial Service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, with Reverend Todd Jones officiating. Visitation was from 12:00 Noon until the time of service. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, the ASPCA, or North Lake Church.

CHARLES AULTON “Chuck” McLEMORE - Died Sunday, March 4, 2018 in Milan, Tennessee at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rutherford, Tennessee to the late James Otis McLemore and Delma Louise (née O’Daniel) McLemore. He proudly served in the United States Navy for 22 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Trenton Chapter #1024**. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Daniel McLemore. He is survived by his sisters, Glenda Tyner (Austin), of Medina, Faye Richardson (Bobby), of Olive Branch, MS; sister-in-law, Diana McLemore, of Illinois. Visitation with the McLemore family was held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday

from 1:00 PM until service time at the funeral home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the chapel of the Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home with Reverend Mike Sellers officiating. Burial was in the Hopewell Cemetery with Military Honors.



TIMOTHY L. "TL" McNALLY, JR. – Died Saturday, January 20, 2018 in the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. "TL" was born in Clyde Park, Montana on April 23, 1947 to the Timothy L. "Red" McNally, Sr. and Myrtilla R. McNally. Red and Myrtilla divorced in or about 1949. Myrtilla remarried on July 6, 1955 to Chester L. Robinson and had a son, Kenneth L. Robinson born January 6, 1957. TL lived with the Robinsons in the towns of Holden, Omak and Republic, Washington until 1965 when he moved to Livingston, MT and completed high school in 1967 while living with his grandmother. After high school he attended the College of Nursing at Montana State University in Bozeman. Rather than being drafted he enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and by choice was assigned to the 101st Airborne as a Medic. His assignments included Panama, two tours in Vietnam as an operating room scrub nurse in a Mobile Field Hospital, Germany and finally Fort Hood, TX where he was honorably discharged in 1977. His Army decorations included the Bronze Star with 1 Oakleaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. TL then started training to become a Friar in the Dominican order of the Catholic Church in Oakland, CA. He completed training as a counselor for troubled youths and became certified as a ceramics instructor in addition to his other studies. Before completing his final vows, TL decided on another calling and so leaving that path he started working in a well-known Washington, DC restaurant as the head waiter. This led him to complete a four-year program in three years obtaining his BA degree in Culinary Arts from a Lake Charles, Louisiana school and earned the title of "Chef". He then moved to Lake Arthur, Louisiana in August 1990. He joined the United States Merchant Marines as a Chief Steward with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in charge of food ordering and menu planning for several fleet ships. After being injured during a storm at sea he retired continuing to live in Lake Arthur. He began volunteering at the VFW post in Lake Arthur then later served a term as the Post Commandant. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jennings Chapter #1058*. Sometime in about 2012 medical issues placed him in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Dallas, TX. He later transferred to the VA Medical center in Alexandria, LA. It was here that doctors suspected that TL had the onset of Alzheimer's disease. He was later transferred to the South West Louisiana War Veterans home near Jennings, LA. Here he lived and developed many friendships with residents and staff until his passing on January 20, 2018 at about 8:00 p.m. TL's surviving relatives are his brother, Kenneth Robinson and his wife, Barbara of Davenport, WA, their children, Timothy (his namesake) Robinson and his wife, Beth of Spokane, WA, Andrew (AJ) Robinson and his wife, Nana and their son, Asher of Moody, AL, and his Aunt, Belle Chapel (his mother's only surviving sibling) of Big Timber, MT. TL was laid to rest next to his father in the Clyde Park, Montana Cemetery.



GARY L. MELL - Died Friday, March 23, 2018 at his home om Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1942 in Davenport, a son of Lawrence and Betty Shafer Mell. He married Janet L. Shuda on May 10, 1969 in Rock Island. He graduated from Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University. He joined the Rock Island Fire Department in 1966 and served as a Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Fire Chief and later was promoted to Chief. He retired in 2001 after 35 years of service. Gary was a Vietnam Veteran having served with the United States Army. He was a member of Saint Pius X Catholic Church, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**, Oakwood Country Club, Rock Island Retired Firefighter’s Association and had served on the Rock Island Fire Department’s Pension Board and Health Committee. Gary loved his family and enjoyed following his grandchildren’s activities, Moline or Rockridge, maroon was his color. Survivors include his wife, Janet; daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey and Craig Reid, Coal Valley and Julie and Josh Drish, Milan; grandchildren, Karlie and Olivia Drish and Maxwell and Samuel Reid; sister, Sherry (Glen) Rousey, Silvis; sister-in-law, Judy (Larry) Schulte, Milan; and three nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Janis Mell. Funeral services were at 10:30 AM on Wednesday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 3030 7th Avenue, Rock Island. Burial was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal, where military honors were presented. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Alleman High School, Rock Island, or to the Rock Island Retired Firefighter’s Association. Online condolences may be left at wheelanpressly.com.



THOMAS CLINTON “Tom” MIDDLETON, JR. (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died peacefully Saturday, March 17, 2018 at home in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 20, 1940 in Hartsville, South Carolina to the late Thomas Clinton Middleton, Sr. and Jessie (née Perry) Middleton. In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by his son, Robert Middleton, two daughters, Julie Middleton and Sherrie Middleton and his brother, Robin Earl Middleton. Survivors include his wife, Delores (née Garcia) Middleton; his sister, Gail Middleton Laird; his son, Thomas Clinton Middleton III; two grandchildren, Jarrett Middleton Dancha, Reece Middleton, and; his nephews, Robin Meade Middleton and Bo Vaden. Mr. Middleton proudly served his country in the United States Army Military Intelligence Branch. He graduated from Presbyterian College with a bachelor's degree. He earned his master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Baltimore and was selected to attend the FBI national academy. He retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1984. He started his second career in real estate in Fort Meade, MD. In 1991, he was recalled to active duty and served in the U.S. Army Escort Detachment at Fort Meade. He was involved in the Green Beret incident which is written about in the book "A Murder in Wartime" by Jeff Stein. After being released from active duty, Tom moved to Myrtle Beach where he renewed his real estate career with Grand Strand Realty. Tom was known for his Wednesday

night Happy Hours which he and his wife hosted up and down the Grand Strand for 23 years. They have had hundreds of people attend the parties and several couples who met at the parties would later get married. Tom was a member of the Myrtle Beach Republican Club, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925*, Optimist Club, VFW, American Legion, MOAA, FBI Academy Association, Tea Party, CCA Realtors, and Vice-President of the Ski and Outing Club. Tom loved to play golf, the beach, beach music, shagging and meeting new people. Tom never met a stranger. A Celebration of Life was held at the Whiskey Beach Bar and Grill, Galleria Shopping Center, 9668 Kings Highway from 2:00-5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to DAV, PO Box 30637, Myrtle Beach S.C. 29588 or The Grand Strand Miracle League, PO Box 7503, Myrtle Beach, SC 28572 which was a big passion of Tom's.



GEORGE EDWARD MOCKMORE - Died Thursday, November 30, 2017 in Madison, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 10, 1947 to Nova Hall and the late Raymond Mockmore. He is also predeceased by one brother, Rex Mockmore. He is survived by his mother Nova Hall; his wife and best friend of 32 years, Helen Mockmore; one daughter, Katherine Bosley (Keith); one son, Patrick Mockmore (Rebecca); one sister, Wanda Agee (James); two brothers, Raymond Mockmore (Janice), Charlie Mockmore (Carolyn); three grandchildren, Cynthia Jordan, Nathan Mockmore, Isabella Bosley; cousin, Thomas Mockmore Jr. George had a huge personality and was considered a funny guy by those who knew him. He loved to dance and was very active. George was a great husband and loved his wife very much. His love for his grandchildren was unconditional. George was a great brother to his sister Wanda and Raymond. George proudly served his country in the United States Army and served in Vietnam during the war. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee*. He retired from Peterbilt after 38 years of loyal service. Visitation hours for George were held on Monday, December 4, 2017 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM and again on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at which time a Celebration of Life Funeral Service was conducted from the Chapel at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Burial was in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requested memorial contributions be made to Shriners Children's Hospital in George's memory. Arrangements were made by the Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, A Nashville landmark since 1785, "Where Nashville Comes to Remember!"



KENNETH R. MURRAY - Died Sunday, February 18, 2018 at his residence in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 86. The cause of death was cancer of the brain and bones.

He was born on July 15, 1931 to the late Chester and Ella (née Becker) Murray. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Chester and Charles Murray and his sister, Shelva Murray Bonn. Kenneth was a member and Deacon of the Parkview Baptist Church, and a former member and Deacon of Horseshoe Baptist Church for 30 years. He proudly served our country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War retiring with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Disabled Viet Nam Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Slaughter Chapter #488**. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend who will be fondly remembered by those that loved him dearly. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, JoAnn Chandler Murray; sons, Douglas Murray, Craig Murray and Tim Murray; grandchildren, Stephanie Keehnen (Josh), Cody Murray (Sara Lester) and Jeremy Guillot (Desiree Depril); great grandchildren, Ryan Murray, Jaxson Keehnen, Tyler Guillot, and Brianna Guillot; brother, William Murray; sister, Anna Murray Beecher and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 22, 2018 in The Chapel of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria, with Reverend Bob Braly and Dr. David Shaw co-officiating. Burial with Military Honors was in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Bentley, LA. Visitation hours were observed at the funeral home on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and resumed on Thursday from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Pallbearers honored to serve were his family and friends and honorary pallbearers were his great-grandsons, Jaxson Keehnen and Ryan Murray.

RODNEY FREDERICK MUTCHLER - Died Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Hershey Medical Center at the age of 73. He was a resident of Sebring, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Northumberland, Pennsylvania on June 15, 1944 to the late Roscoe and Roberta Mutchler. He was married to Sheri Spangler. A graduate of Sunbury Area High School, Rodney served four years in the United States Navy, was a Vietnam Veteran and was very active in the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point (New Jersey) Chapter #228**. He served as a sergeant in the Pennsylvania Police Department for 33 years. Rodney was an avid model builder, the author of two published books and won the highest award for writing the AMVETS Newsletter three years in a row. He is survived by his wife, Sheri; his sister, Aletha Mutchler; three daughters, Wendi Thompson, Maelea Tucker and Aletha Tjaden; his adopted son, Jeremy Mutchler, and; seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Steven. There were no services. Arrangements were by the Jerre Wirt Blank Funeral Home, 309 Water Street, Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

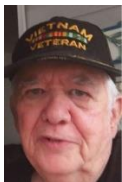
WAYNE CHARLES NESTARK - Died Monday, March 12, 2018 in Ransomville, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 21, 1949 in Buffalo, New York to the late Robert H. Nestark and Shirley E. Nestark. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Merry Gail He was the loving and devoted brother, to Robert H. Nestark, Jr. (Sandy), Curtis (Kimberly), Nannett (Mark) Francis, Dana (Debbie), Randolph (Gina) and the late Alan Nestark; father of Eric Nestark and Dawn Marie; loving stepfather to Brian Clark, Timothy Clark, Jeffrey (Angela) Clark and Amy (William) Farrand; dearest friend of Susan Bondi, and; also survived by nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Wayne is a retired United States Army Veteran, who proudly served in the Vietnam War, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Tonawanda Chapter #77 in North Tonawanda and was a volunteer at the Herschell Carrousel Museum and an avid NASCAR fan. Friends visited the family on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Lester H. Wedekindt, Inc. Funeral Home, 3290 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, where funeral services were held on Friday at 10:00 AM. Interment with Military Honors was in the White Chapel Memorial Park. Wayne will be sadly missed by the family and his friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Herschell Carrousel Museum. Share online condolences at www.lesterwedekindtfuneralhome.com.



ARCHIE B. NEWMAN - Died Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Tennessee Veterans Home at the age of 70. He was a resident of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 5, 1947 in Murfreesboro. He served in the United States Army from July 12, 1968 to July 20, 1970 with a one year seven-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089**. He is survived by a loving and devoted wife, Mary (née McHenry) Newman; his children, Jerome, Tomeka and Shatima Newman; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Edward (Deborah) Newman; his sister, Linda Newman; his uncle, Kebe Newman; sister-in-law, Deborah Newman, and; a myriad of other relatives and friends. Family visitation was on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Hellum Funeral Chapel. A Celebration of Life was on Sunday at 3:00 PM at the Olive Branch MB Church, 1115 Minerva Drive, Murfreesboro, TN with Brother Burness Lyons as the officiant, Reverend Dr. Vincent Windrow as the Eulogist. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Please keep the Newman family in your prayers. The arrangements were entrusted to the Hellum Funeral Home, Inc., 611 South Highland Avenue, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

WILLIAM R. NEWMAN – Died recently in 2017 in Texarkana, Arkansas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 24, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**.



JOHN THOMAS "Jack" NORMAN – Died Saturday, November 25, 2017 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and blunt force trauma to the head when he fell on the concrete sidewalk causing traumatic brain injury. He was born on November 27, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1968 as a Combat Engineer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Visitation hours were on Wednesday, November 29th from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday,

November 30th at 9:30 AM in Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery on Staten Island, New York. The Joseph P. Clavin Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Brooklyn oversaw the arrangements.



JASPER RAY NORTHCUTT - Died Sunday, November 12, 2017 at the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Texas at the age of 74. He was a resident of Emory, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. Jasper was born on August 2, 1943 in Emory, to the late John Marvin and Frances Ecra (née Harrell) Northcutt. He graduated from Rains High School and Texas A & M. He proudly served our country in the United States Army and was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal for Valor, during his participation in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW, and a charter member of the Rabb Brothers American Legion Post #156. Jasper participated in all the activities performed by the American Legion in helping the residents of Emory and Rains County. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. He worked most all his life as an electrician in Rains County. Jasper was a member of First Assembly of God Church where he served as Secretary/Treasurer, as well as served on the Board of Trustees for many years. Jasper was well versed in the Bible. He had several translations of the Bible, allowing him to compare scriptures giving him the best understanding of those scriptures. Thus, providing him with the most important and true application of those scriptures to be most effective in his life. He was an avid reader. History was a theme he enjoyed reading about. The Vietnam War was, also, even though having served and fought during that war, was still interesting reading for him. Western stories were also good reads. Oftentimes Jasper volunteered and worked behind the scenes helping others through difficult times and through different avenues of help for residents of and throughout Rains County. During his years as a volunteer fire fighter for the Emory Volunteer Fire Department and a volunteer with Emory Ambulance Service and achieved certification as an EMT. He accompanied the ambulance to many emergency calls in Rains County. During those days, people made requests for Jasper to be on their calls when they called for the ambulance. Jasper had his own special booth and a photo on the wall at the Emory Dairy Queen. Most days you could find him there reading the newspaper, visiting with friends, or just sitting quietly...on one of his many little "coffee breaks". Jasper Ray Northcutt was an extremely intelligent man. Many people did not know his kind, gentle ways, his devotion to his Savior, his interest and dedication to his country, his service to others...all his unspoken, anonymous services. However, with all these wonderful traits, he was a very quiet man, unobtrusive, yet faithful to his local, college and war veteran friends. Jasper Ray Northcutt will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Survivors include: three sisters, Alice Northcutt, of Springfield, MO, Virginia Northcutt, of Emory, and Avis Northcutt Huizar, of Emory; nieces and nephews, Toni Gambill (Roger), Teresa Huizar, Christina Huizar and John Huizar; great-nephews, James Moon and JonMarc Moon (Evea); great-great-niece, Emerson Moon, and; numerous other loving family and friends. Funeral service was scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 PM on November 18, 2017 at the First Assembly of God Church in Emory. Brother Montie Parker officiated. Visitation hours were held on Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was on Saturday in the Smyrna Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Legion Rabb

Brothers Memorial Post #156, P.O. Box 55, Emory, TX 75440 or Smyrna Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 563, Emory, TX 75440.

JOSEPH E. O'BRYAN – Died recently in 2018 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**.



JEFFREY M. OSTERHOUT – Died Thursday, September 2, 2017 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 22, 1944 in Watertown, Wisconsin to the late Marcus G. and Helen (née Smith) Osterhout. Jeffrey was a retired Senior Chief of the United States Navy and retired after 32 years with the LaCrosse Police Department. He was also a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. Jeffrey is survived by his wife Patricia (née Duffy) Osterhout; his son, Jeffrey Mark Osterhout II (Enrique); his daughters, Kimberly Osterhout-Arcos (Marco), Krisa Prince, and Tracy Lynn Osterhout; his brother, David Osterhout, and; his sister Nancy Lorbecki. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Tamara Janette Osterhout; and his brothers, George and John Osterhout. A visitation was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM at the Grace Memorial Chapel, 8819 US Hwy 87 North, Victoria, TX. Funeral services were at St. Mary Catholic Church on Friday, September 8, 2017 beginning at 10:00 AM with Reverend Father Stephen Vacak, officiating. The burial was in the Memory Gardens Cemetery. To leave a comforting message, or to share a fond memory, please visit www.gracefuneralhome.net. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Grace Memorial Chapel at Memory Gardens, 8819 Hwy 87 North in Victoria, Texas.



DONALD D. PARKER - Died Saturday, October 31, 2015, at his home in Sumter, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer and bladder cancer. He was born on December 26, 1940 in Bluefield, West Virginia to the late Harry B. Parker and the late Lucille H. Parker. He was the husband of Marguerite L. Parker. He was retired from the United States Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. He later retired from the Sumter Police Department with the rank of Lieutenant. He attended the Alice Drive Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, of Sumter; his sons, Rex Alan Parker and David Alvin Parker, both of WV and Kenneth Scott Bates and Keith Richard Bates, both of KY; his daughters, Sheryl Ann Prater, of WV and Kathleen Marie Ireland, of SC; his granddaughters, Kalina, Braylee, and Ashlyn, of WV, Lauren, of SC, and Leah and Mia, of KY, and; his grandsons, Tyler and Bentley, of

WV, Lane, of SC and Layton, of KY. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Reverend Ben Stiles officiating. Burial with full military honors was held at 1:00 PM in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Avenue North, Suite #101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter oversaw the arrangements.

LEE PARSONS – Died recently in 2018 in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire t the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego (California) Chapter #472**.



JOHN A. "Big John" PASZKIEWICZ, JR. - Died Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, California at the age of 62. He was a resident of South Amboy, New Jersey. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on May 27, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Maspeth, Queens, New York and moved to Sayreville, New Jersey, later residing for many years in South Amboy. John was a Finishing Supervisor for Raritan River Steel Mill for over 15 years. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion Post #45 and a member of VFW. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**. He was also a member of the South Amboy Boat Club. Prior to his stroke, he could be found playing pool with his friends and fishing. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Griffin, of West Hartford, CT and daughter and son-in-law, Julie Anne and Dennis Bruno, of Milltown, NJ and was expecting his first grandchild in July. He is also survived by one aunt, Helen Walicki, of Parlin, NJ and three sisters, Christine Longe, of Parlin, NJ, Cynthia Geraghty, of Keene, NH and Diane Paszkiewicz, of Parlin, NJ. The family received friends on Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Bronson and Guthlein Funeral Home of Milltown. The funeral service was on Thursday at 9:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Iselin, NJ.

EDWIN FRANCIS PELOSKY (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 28, 2017, at Fairmont Crossing at the age of 92. He was a resident of Amherst, Virginia. The cause of death was dementia and heart disease. He was born on October 25, 1925 in Deerfield, Massachusetts to the late Leon Pelosky and the late Anna (née Ardzavich) Pelosky. He was the husband of Lois (née Markham) Pelosky. Edwin was a proud, retired career United States Army Veteran (Colonel), where he served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. During his service, Edwin earned two Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**. He was also a loving son, husband,

father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. In addition to his wife, Edwin is survived by three children, Jill Beth Clark and her husband Donald, of Amherst, John Pelosky, of Richmond and James Pelosky and his wife Mary Ellen, of Naples, FL; two brothers, Richard Pelosky and his wife Ann, of Warwick, RI and Robert Pelosky and his wife Marylee, of Yarmouth Port, MA; two grandchildren, Claire Pelosky, of Naples, FL and Kristen Rodgers and her husband Drew, of Jessup, MD; one great-grandson, Henry Rodgers, and; numerous nieces and nephews. There were no scheduled services. Whitten Monelison Chapel served the family.



SAMUEL "Sam" PESNER - Died Thursday, April 22, 2017 peacefully in his Saint Augustine, Florida home at the age of 66, in the care of Haven Hospice after being ill for several months with end-stage kidney disease. He was born in the Bronx, New York on December 7, 1950 to Herman and the late Marian Pesner. He had one older sister, Rhoda Pesner Schaefer. Shortly after birth, the family moved to Monsey in Rockland County, NY where Sam attended East Ramapo schools until his senior year of high school where he graduated from North Rockland High School when the family moved to Stony Point, NY. After graduating from high school, Sam joined the United States Army, where he was stationed in Augsburg, Germany for three years as a Morse Code Translator during the Vietnam War. Six months after meeting his wife, Mary (née Davitt) Pesner, they were engaged on April 11, 1974. They were married on May 25th, 1975, and Mary gave birth to their son, Brian, on June 17, 1983. Pesner worked in various sales positions for 15 years, and then became a 911 dispatcher for the Ramapo Police Department in NY for 14 years until he medically retired in 2007. Sam is most known for his community involvement and leadership. While living in Rockland County, NY, he was involved in the Town of Ramapo Auxiliary Police for 30 years where he rose to the rank of Chief. He was also heavily involved with the William P. Faist Ambulance Corps, where he was a driver, CPR instructor, Youth Squad Advisor, and held various board positions. Furthermore, he was a member of the American Legion Post #199 and was a coach for the Chestnut Ridge Little League. While he lived in Huntersville, NC, he volunteered for 5 years at the Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen, and over the past few months of living in Florida, he was a mentor for a junior high school student through the Senior Retired Volunteer Program in St. John's County and read to young children through the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of North Florida. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. Sam will be remembered for his humor, mentorship, kindness, and generosity to others without asking for anything in return. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pesner of St. Augustine, FL; son and son-in-law, Brian Pesner and Wesley Allen, of Philadelphia, PA; his father, Herman Pesner, of Orlando, FL; his sister and brother in-law, Rhoda and Alan Schaefer, of Denver, NC; along with multiple in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Visitation hours were on Thursday, April 27th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Craig Funeral Home in Saint Augustine, FL. Funeral services also took place at the Craig Funeral Home at 9:30 AM on Friday, April 28th. Interment was in the Jacksonville National Cemetery at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to one of the

following organizations: Haven Hospice (www.havenhospice.org); National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org); Early Learning Coalition of North Florida (<https://elcnorthflorida.org>).

JOSEPH WILLIAM PLUFF, SR. – Died Thursday, February 15, 2018 in Whispering Pines, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 12, 1942. He served in the United States Army from February 27, 1967 to December 1, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor (Michigan) Chapter #310**.



MICHAEL DAVID PORTER - Died Friday, February 9, 2018 in Beechgrove, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 16, 1948 in Athens, Ohio to the late John Port and Bobbie (née Tolliver) Porter, who survives. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Jean (née Abner) Porter, of Beechgrove, TN; his mother, Bobbie (née Tolliver) Porter-Liggett; his stepfather, Richard Lee Liggett, both of Reynoldsburg, OH; his daughter, Velinda Walters and her husband Roger, of Beechgrove, TN; his brother, Paul Liggett and his wife Linda J., of Utica, OH; his sister, Teresa R. Miller and her husband David, of Gahanna, OH; three grandchildren, Jeanne Travis, of Beechgrove, TN, Lora Cawood Bell, of Murfreesboro, TN, and Joe Walters, of Beechgrove, TN; eight great-grandchildren, and; three great-great-grandchildren. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, a life member of the VFW Post #8422 in Smyrna, TN, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murfreesboro Chapter #1089** and an airplane mechanic. Visitation hours were from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Woodfin Chapel, Smyrna. A graveside service with military honors was at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Pegram, TN with Reverend Edgar Boles officiating. An online guestbook for the Porter family is available at www.woodfinchapel.com. The Woodfin Chapel in Smyrna oversaw the arrangements.



WILLIAM ALEXANDER "Skip" "Skipper" PUBLICOVER III – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 26, 1943 in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He was a United States Navy Veteran during he Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Publicover. The arrangements were entrusted to the Palmetto Cremation Society, Charleston, SC.

WILLIAM A. PUTNEY – Died recently in 2018 in Jefferson City, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jefferson City Chapter #393**.

EARL REECE (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, February 22, 2018 in Waynesville, North Carolina at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 6, 1934 in Haywood County, North Carolina to the late Raymond Reece and the late Fannie Jane (née Jones) Reece. He had resided in Odessa, Texas 23 years before returning to his Haywood County home in 1997. Mr. Reece was a United States Army Veteran having retired as a Sergeant First Class with 22 years of dedicated and honorable service to his country. During his military career he served in Vietnam and Germany and was a Ranger and Master Parachutist. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal as well as many other citations and medals during his military service. Earl received his college education at the University of Texas where he received a BA Degree in History, Government and Psychology. Following his college graduation, he was employed with Odessa High School in Texas where he was a ROTC instructor and taught history and government classes. After returning to his beloved home in the mountains Earl became active in many civic and community service projects throughout the area. He was a member of the VFW Post #5198 in Canton, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cullowhee Chapter #980** and had also served as Past Master of Andy G. Vaughn Masonic Lodge in Odessa, Texas. Mr. Reece had attended Long Branch Baptist Church in Canton. Earl Reece was a proud and courageous man and he has touched many lives with his giving and kind heart. He shall never be forgotten. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Trantham Reece; a granddaughter, Brandi Lynn Reece; a sister, Emma Jo Henderson and a brother, McArthur Reece. Surviving are his sons, Terry D. Reece and his wife, Michelle of Odessa, Texas and Bruce L. Reece and his wife, Lesa of Warren, Indiana; four grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; a sister, Martha Jane Gass of Fletcher; brothers, Raymond Reece, Jr. of Fletcher, Henry Reece of Candler and Johnny Reece of Canton; his special companion, Betty Everson of Waynesville and a multitude of friends. A memorial service with military honors was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 26, 2018 in the chapel of Crawford / Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service. The family received and welcomed friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Crawford / Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service was honored to be caring for the Reece family.



RICHARD ALAN "Dick" REMIERES - Died at the Bailey Family Center for Caring in Saint Augustine, Florida on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Dick was born on October 22, 1938 in Attleboro, Massachusetts to the late William and Muriel (née Hinds) Remieres. Following high school, Mr. Remieres joined the United States

Navy where he saw service as a Corpsman with the United States Marine Corps, 1st Battalion in Vietnam. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Augustine Chapter #1084**. Dick will be remembered for his loving spirit, singing in the Big Orange Chorus, playing Santa Claus in the Orange Park Mall, and his willingness to help others. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Muriel (née Hinds) Remieres and his brother, Russell W. Remieres. Survivors include his sister, Sandra (Dick) Glessner of Saint Augustine, FL. Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 23rd at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with Navy Honors. Arrangements were under the care of Saint Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Saint Augustine, FL.



DANNY VAUGHN RHEA - Died Friday, January 19, 2018 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 70. The pain and suffering he has had for so long is finally over. The cause of death is unknown.

Danny was born at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio on October 25, 1947 to the late E.W. and Laverne Rhea. His Dad was career Air Force, so they moved around a lot. He joined the United States Navy on the Buddy System in March 1967. He married during his leave from boot camp on June 17, 1967 at Belmore Baptist Church and began their journey together. Upon discharge from the Navy, he attended Stephen F. Austin State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. While attending college he worked for Spradley Signs, which he enjoyed. He entered the Texas Department of Public Safety in 1976, beginning his career as a Highway Patrolman. He transferred to License and Weight, and then to Criminal Law Enforcement before becoming a Texas Ranger in 1988. As a Texas Ranger he was stationed in Ozona for five years, then transferred to Sulphur Springs where he ended his career and retired in 2003. He was dedicated to his work and was respected by those who worked alongside him. He always said he had the best bosses and the best job. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. Danny was a devoted husband and father. He enjoyed spending time with our children and was very good to them both. Our son began a twenty-year career in the Coast Guard after high school. Our daughter went off to college, then attended cosmetology school and married. Danny always hated to see them leave after they came home to visit. He was also very proud of our grandsons and wanted to spend more time with them. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and for a time he raised sheep. He couldn't do much but enjoyed being out in his shop piddling around. He liked staying busy and always had a hobby. Danny is survived by his wife, of fifty years, Wynonna Sue; his son, Devin Rhea; his daughter, Carissa Mouton and her husband Eric; his grandsons, Dawson and Channing Mouton; his sister, Kimberlee Mikeska; his nephew, Noel Mikeska, and; his niece, Danica Brown and her husband Bill and their sons. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Belmore Baptist Church, officiated by Brother Toby Irwin with Pastor Rusty Frasier and Richard Sweaney assisting. Services were under the direction of the Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Rangers Foundation.

RICHARD N. RITZ – Died Sunday, February 4, 2018 in Aurora, Colorado at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1935. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. He was interred in the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

RAUL RIVERA - Died Friday, March 9, 2018 in Middletown, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 6, 1952. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. A service followed by Military Honors started at 8:00 PM at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Interment of ashes was in the Saint Joseph Cemetery, Middletown NY.



DANNY ODELL SALLADAY - Died Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 31, 1948 in Enid, Oklahoma to the late Richard Salladay, raised by his mother, Vernita Wheeler and stepfather Duane Wheeler. He attended Enid Public Schools graduating in 1967, after which he joined the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. Before retiring from the US Army, he earned several outstanding awards including two Bronze Stars, and four Presidential Citations. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma**. He loved to spend time riding his Harley and going camping and fishing, but his family and friends were the most important to him; and he was especially close to his nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Duane and Vernita Wheeler; and father, Richard Salladay; two brothers, Richard Salladay, John Salladay; and sister-in-law, Alice Salladay. He is survived by two sons, Danny Lee Salladay and Matthew Salladay, both of Rogers, Texas; four brothers, Davy Salladay of Enid; Kenneth Wheeler and wife Patricia, of Ponca City; Randy Wheeler and wife Frankie of Canton, OK; Tony Wheeler and wife Veta, of Enid; two sisters, Sue Owens, of Delta, Colorado; Shirley Dodson and husband Herbert, of Enid; grandson, Troy Salladay, of Texas; as well as multiple nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends. A Celebration of Life was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Mike Sommerfeld officiated with burial in the Memorial Park Cemetery. The United States Army performed military honors. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home.



ARNOLD RAY "Arnie" SAYRE - Died Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Tampa General Hospital in Tampa Florida at the age of 70. He was a resident of Fostoria, Ohio. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on July 30, 1947 in Point Pleasant, West

Virginia to the late Harold and Genevieve (née Stevens) Sayre. He married Karla “Jane” Claycomb on April 22, 1967 in Monroe, Michigan and she died on January 23, 2012. He is survived by his son, Timothy (Samantha) Sayre of Fostoria and grandchildren Nicholas and Kaitlyn Sayre. He is preceded by his parents and his wife, Jane. Arnie was a 1965 graduate of Fostoria High School, a United States Army Veteran and retired from the Maintenance Department of Atlas Crankshaft in Fostoria with over 30 years of service. He was a Charter member of the Fostoria Church of God, member of the Fostoria AMVETS, VFW Post #421 and the DAV. He was also a member of the Bettsville American Legion. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440*. Arnie organized many Memorial Day services in Fostoria, was active with the Fostoria United Veteran’s Honor Guard. Arnie was instrumental with the construction of the Veteran’s Memorial Chapel and the Vietnam Memorial at Fountain Cemetery. He and his wife Jane were always involved in many events with all the local veteran organizations. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria with the Pastor Donald Goodwin, officiating. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial was in the Fostoria’s Fountain Cemetery where Military Honors were conducted by the United Veteran’s Group of Fostoria. Memorial contributions were suggested to a Veteran organization of your choice.

ROBERT SCARGILL III – Died Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in Summerville, South Carolina at the age of 73. The cause of death was anoxic brain injury, acute kidney injury, congestive heart failure, diabetes mellitus type II and hypoxia. He was born on August 29, 1944 in Washington, DC. He is survived by his wife, Rita Scargill, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina*. The Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation and Burial Services Ladson, 283 Treeland Drive, Suite C, Ladson, South Carolina 29456 oversaw the arrangements.

CHARLENE MARIE SCHLOTT – Died Thursday, September 28, 2017 in Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 16, 1946. She was a member of ***Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528***.



THOMAS DONALD WILLIAM “Tom” SCHUMACHER - Died Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the Saint Cloud VA Medical Center in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 76. He was a resident of Little Falls, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born at Saint Gabriel’s Hospital in Little Falls, MN to the late Conrad and Mabel (née Russell) Schumacher at 7:07 PM on the 7th of May in 1941. He attended Saint Mary’s Grade School through the 8th grade and graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1959. As an early entrepreneur, he delivered the Minneapolis Star Newspaper to 2nd Street SE and the hospital

from 1947 to 1957, and had a lawn mowing service during the summers, doing many lawns and two cemeteries with three helpers. Tom married Dona Boschee on October 28, 1961. They had one son, Patrick on October 28, 1972. The couple divorced in 1997. Tom was a special friend with Donna Bates for nine years until her death in 2014. Tom attended Moorhead State College, St. Cloud State College, Dunwoody Technical School, and graduated from Brown School of Broadcasting & Electronics in 1963. He started broadcasting in West Bend, WI; next to KGPC in ND; and then to KDOM in Windom, MN. In 1965, he was chosen to be a plain-clothes state inspector for the Secretary of State, Joseph Donovan. Tom received his draft notice and joined the United States Navy. He had 13 duty stations, including two in Vietnam, participating in Sea-Lab III. He was sent to special Army School and in 1967 became a US Navy journalist. While in the Navy, Tom worked part-time under the stage name of "Don E. Thomas" at radio stations from Hawaii to the east coast; including KCON, KENT, WXHL in Maryland, WNSH in Virginia, and WGH Headline News. After his honorable discharge, he was a news anchor at KTIV in Sioux City, IA then to KVOX in Moorhead, MN. Tom joined Holiday Tours & Transportation driving charters to Canada and throughout the USA. He then worked for National Car Rental in the E-Z Haul Division. After that division closed, the family moved back to Little Falls so Tom could run for Morrison County Auditor. Although he carried the county, he lost the Little Falls vote and was defeated twice. Tom started P.J. Enterprises, a few small sales companies like Seliart Trailer Manufacturing, Tension Distributors, and was wiped out after a year in the recycling business of Can Plus losing their entire life savings when the city went curbside. Tom went to work for Polman Transfer in Wadena for four years, and then sold trucks for GATR in Sauk Rapids. He delivered new buses for New Flyer and MCI and was a part-time radio announcer for WYRQ radio in Little Falls. Tom was one of the founding members for the Lone Eagle Auto Club, a member of the Morrison County Fair Board, Honorary Life member of the American Legion Post #46, former Chaplain of 6th District American Legion, member Voiture #1804 of 40 & 8, life member of VFW Post #1112, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**, member of USS Enterprise and USS Constellation Associations. Tom is survived by his son, Patrick of MO; grandson, Alex of MO; brother, Charles of Perham, MN, and Robert of Little Falls, MN. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, John; sisters, Mary, Francis, Irene; and significant other, Donna Bates. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 20th at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. A visitation was from Noon – 2:00 PM on Friday prior to the service at the church. Burial was in the parish cemetery.



EARLE S. SHAW, JR. (USA, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Monday, January 22, 2018 in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 12, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Earle S. Shaw, Sr. and Anna (née Lingo) Shaw. He and his wife, Lorraine (née Hayes) Shaw, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 26th of last year. He was a 1958 graduate of Dobbins Vo-Tech High School and received his bachelor's

degree in Secondary Education / Biology-Earth Science from Millersville State Teachers College in 1964. He was a United States Army veteran serving two tours of duty in the Vietnam War, retiring as a Captain from active duty, and as a Major in the Army Reserves. He was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania*. Mr. Shaw was employed with the U. S. Postal Service in Lansdale from 1973-2006 and was a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees. Mr. Shaw was a member of Bethel Hill United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. He served on various committees at church, most notably as chairperson, with his wife, of the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que for 25 years. He also served as the sexton of the church for many years. Christmas was Earle's favorite time of the year. Dressed in his red and white Santa suit, he delighted many children at malls, fire houses and nursery schools. He even brought joy to an 80-year-old woman who had never sat on Santa's lap before, and to the family of a newborn as they visited on their way home from the hospital. He was a proud member of the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Brenda Doll and her husband, Paul, of Gwynedd; three sons, Brian Shaw and his wife, Missy, of Lansdale; Barry Shaw and his wife, Jacki, of East Norriton; and Bruce Shaw and his fiancée, Tracy Waller, of Linfield; a brother, John Shaw and his wife, Susan, of Wayne; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Grove. Relatives and friends were invited to the viewing from 10:00 AM until 11:15 AM followed by the funeral service at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church, 2000 Bethel Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. Burial was in the adjoining church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the church. Arrangements were by the R. L. Williams, Jr. Funeral Home, Inc. of Skippack. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.RLWilliamsFuneralHome.com.



RUSSELL LEROY "Rusty" SHEAFFER - Died Friday, February 16, 2018 at his home in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Rusty was born on April 8, 1949 in Elyria, Ohio to the late Russell Robert and Margaret Ann {née Sweet} Sheaffer. After high school, he joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Lee Ann Dibble on April 8, 1999. Rusty worked for Hospira in Ashland for over 30 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and was loyal to the 1/77th Armor Division, and rarely missed a reunion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wooster Chapter #255**. He also loved to ride motorcycles and watching car auctions on television. Rusty will be deeply missed by his wife Lee Ann Sheaffer, of Wooster; his children, Kristi (Jim) Ohler, Pam (Don) Grimwood, Steven (Ashley) McCue, Rob (Tif) Grimwood, Brian (Sarah) Lechner, Greg (Cindy) Lechner, and Keith Custer; his fourteen grandchildren; his four great-grandchildren; his brothers, Ralph (Judy) Sheaffer and Jack (Lori) Sheaffer; his sisters, Pam (Gary) Stutz and Diana (Rick) Eberhart. Rusty was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Teddy Sheaffer, and; his sisters, Susan Householder and Margaret Sheaffer. Friends visited the family on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Roberts Funeral Home-Ashland Chapel, Ashland. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM the funeral home with Pastor David Dake, officiating. The burial was at the Ashland

County Memorial Park, where military rites were held. Online tributes may be made at www.RobertsFuneralHome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church, 114 Church Street, Lodi, Ohio 44254.

RICHARD L. SIGLER – Died recently in 2018 in Redondo Beach, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.



DONALD L. SMIESZEK - Died Thursday, March 1, 2018 in the Lourdes Hospital in Willington, New Jersey at the age of 71 in the presence of his loving family. He was a resident of Yardville, Bordentown Township, New Jersey. The cause of death was bladder cancer, kidney cancer and sepsis. He was born on January 15, 1947 in Trenton, New Jersey to the late Stanley L. Smieszek and Stella (née Czepiel) Smieszek. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Stanley E. and Claire A. Smieszek, of Clarksville, TN; his sister and brother-in-law, Christine T. and Gary Campbell, of Columbia, TN; a beloved uncle, Frank Czepiel; six nephews, cousins, and; a long list of special friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. A celebration of Don's life was held on Monday March 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ. Calling hours were held on Sunday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Monday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial with full military honors was at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #899, PO Box 263, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Arrangements were under the direct care and supervision of the Robert L. Pecht Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ.

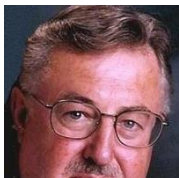
BILLY EUGENE SMITH - Died Monday, December 19, 2016 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1943 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee to the late Flavis and Edith Smith. He was also predeceased by his wife, Betty Smith; a brother, Raymond Smith, and; a son-in-law, James Harness II. He was a member of Dividing Ridge Church of God. Billy was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. His lifelong career was in upholstery. Survivors include his son, Timothy Smith; his daughter, Shelly Harness; a grandson, James Harness III, all of Hixson; his brothers, Ronnie (Teresa) Smith and Kenneth Smith; his sisters, Patricia Brown, Barbara (Floyd) Laymon and Charlotte (Joel) Clark. At Billy's request, services were private. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to: Dividing Ridge Cemetery Fund, 9100 Hixson Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. Arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.



WILLIE JAMES SMITH, SR. – Died Tuesday, October 31, 2017 in Macon, Georgia at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 22, 1931 in Putnam County, Georgia to the late Dallas Mosley and Cora Lee Smith. He attended Bibb County Public Schools and joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Willie retired from the Army after 20 years of service and retired from Robins Air Force Base. He was a member of the Greater Bellevue Baptist Church for 45 years and later a member of the Aletheia Baptist Church. He was also a loyal and faithful member of several other organizations, especially a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Smith and his daughter, Della Smith Brown. Survivors include: sons, Willie James (Robin) Smith, Jr. and Anthony (Iris) Walker; sisters, Eunice M. Kimbro, Carolyn M. Mitchell and Rev. Lula M. Riley; brother, Dallas Mosley, Jr.; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; aunt, Ophelia Walker; a devoted friend, Lula Harris other relatives and friends. Services for Willie James Smith, Sr. were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Greater Bellevue Baptist Church with burial in Macon Memorial Park.



MARTIN VICTOR "Marty" SOLVBERG - Died Sunday, February 25, 2018 in Summerville, South Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 29, 1942. He is survived by his sister, Irene Sonia Parmigiani and nephew, Joseph M Collins, both of New York. Marty served in the United States Army and was honorable discharged after 22 years of service. He was proud of his service and shared many memories with everyone. Marty was present for the Huey helicopter dedication at Patriots Point, which happened to be the helicopter he was assigned to in Vietnam. He told of missions and the men he served with on that helicopter. Marty continued to serve this countries Veterans, as a Patriot Guard Ride Captain in South Carolina, and previously a Ride Captain in SE Michigan area. He as an officer with the local HOG chapter and involved in many groups, clubs and organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**. Marty will be dearly missed by all. The Memorial Mission Service was on Saturday, March 10th, at 1:00 PM at Riverfront Park, Charleston Naval Base Memorial, 1001 Everglades Drive. North Charleston, South Carolina.



JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" SOUTHWORTH – Died Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, Texas, at the age of 72. He was a resident of Palestine, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. Jim was born on May 9, 1943 in the Town of Holloway,

Wisconsin to the late Agnes and Claire Southworth and was raised on a dairy farm in Owen, Wisconsin. Jim is survived by his wife, Janice; his children, Kathy Inmon and husband Bobby, Janet Freeman and husband Cody, Thomas Southworth and wife Chrissy, Jennifer Tapp and husband Kendall; his grandchildren, Brenna, Logan, Lainey, Bryce, Molly, Jenna, and Kenley; his brothers, Donald and wife Annette, George and wife Elaine, John and wife Betty, Daniel and wife Marge, Dennis and wife Nancy; his sisters, Charlotte Bolz and Mary Hessefort; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved devoted dog, Annabel. He is preceded in death by his parents, Agnes and Claire Southworth; his sister, Bernice Guerten and husband Bill and brothers-in-law Conrad Bolz and Lee Hessefort. He served in the United States Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War, was stationed in Thailand and extremely honored to serve our country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palestine Chapter #991**. He worked for GTE Telephone Operations (Verizon) for 30 years and retired in 1998. He held many different positions with GTE, and at his time of retirement, was Curriculum Development Manager in Irving, Texas. After retirement, he moved to Palestine to his home in the piney woods. It was his Heaven on Earth. Jim and his children welcomed Janice to their family in 1982. Jim and Janice were married for 33 years. They lived and worked in the Dallas/Fort Worth area while raising their four children. Jim and Janice supported their children in their high school years through many different activities and participated in several organizations and charitable events. He was a devoted husband and cherished every day he spent with the love of his life. Jim and Janice strove to live their time together to the fullest and rarely did anything without the other. They loved to work together on their acreage, spending time with family and friends, and traveling to several destinations over the years. Jim had a beautiful singing voice. In his early years, he enjoyed singing with his barbershop quartet, the Four Cubes where he performed for local media in Chicago. He loved making up endearing songs for his children and worshiping through hymns. His children have fond memories of singing You are my Sunshine with him. He had an affinity for John Deere tractors, antiques, gardening, canning vegetables (he was famous for his pickles), history, dancing and old westerns. He was an accomplished woodworker. His projects were a favorite at charitable auctions and always brought a high price. Jesus was a carpenter and now has Jim as an assistant. Jim could repair, restore or fix anything and was always available to help family, friends and neighbors. Anyone who knew Jim loved him for his gentle nature, quick wit, sense of humor and soft-spoken wisdom. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, father-in-law, uncle and friend. Jim's heart for serving was unmeasured and his strength will continue to inspire all who knew him. His relationship with the Lord was unwavering and an inspiration to his family and friends. His legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren. A celebration of Jim's life and a memorial service was held on June 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Bailey and Foster Funeral Home. The family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of East Texas for their friendship and caring for him with compassion and dignity. The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of East Texas or The American Cancer Society. A special thank you to our friends who have shared stories, tears and laughter with our family during this time.



ERNEST C. SOUZA, JR. - Died Monday November 25, 2013 at Our Lady's Haven in New Bedford, Massachusetts at the age of 75, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in New Bedford on March 1, 1938 to the late Mary (née Devalles) Souza and the late Ernest C. Souza, Sr. He was the loving husband of 57 years this January to Mary (née Nunes) Souza. He spent all his life in New Bedford excluding his time in the military and worked as a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service until his retirement. Ernest proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years including a tour in the Vietnam War and held the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499**. He graduated Fisher College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business, was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed fishing, hunting, country music and bowling. His family includes his wife, Mary, of New Bedford; three children, Joanne Braga and her husband, Kevin, of Dartmouth, Katherine Lemmertz and her husband, Louis, of New Bedford, and David Souza and his wife, Audria, of West Greenwich, Rhode Island; four grandchildren, Melissa Amaral, Jennifer Mattos, Stephanie Oliveira and Samantha Oliveira; five great-grandchildren, Quinn deMelo, Layla Amaral, Elizabeth Mattos, Aiva Perry and Victoria Almeida; four siblings, Ronald Souza, Paul Souza, the late Richard Souza and the late Carol Richard, and; several nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held in the Perry Funeral Home in New Bedford on Sunday, December 1st from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Relatives and friends were invited to attend. A private funeral service and burial with full military honors took place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. The arrangements were placed in the care of the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth Street, New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to a charity of your choice.

DANIEL L. "Danny" SPRADLING – Died Monday, January 1, 2018 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer and emphysema. He was born on October 25, 1950 in Poplar Bluff to the late Leonard and Louise (née Cash) Spradling. He graduated from Poplar Bluff High School in 1968. He worked as a pipefitter his entire career, when he retired in 2001. On February 22, 1997. He married Wendy. Danny was drafted in 1970 into the United States Army. He served in Vietnam from February 1971 to February 1972 where he was attached to Alpha Company, 1/502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal and the Air Medal. He made over 25 aerial jumps into hostile enemy territories. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Poplar Bluff Chapter #1056**. He was also a proud member of the NRA. Danny is survived by his loving spouse of twenty-one years, Wendy; his daughter, Lindsey Wickham, of Poplar Bluff; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Chuck and Terri Spradling and Eric Spradling, both of Poplar Bluff; two grandsons, Noah Wiskham and Aiden Spradling, both of Poplar Bluff, and; one brother, Dewaine "Buddy" Spradling, of Poplar Bluff. Visitation was held at 11:00 M on Friday, January 5, 2018 at the Moore Funeral Service in Poplar Bluff. A Celebration of Life was at 12:00 Noon in Moore Funeral Service Chapel. Interment was at 3:00 PM in the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery.

ROBERT PAUL STEINNERD – Died Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 69. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in San Francisco, California on July 24, 1948. He served in the United States Army from July 29, 1966 to July 28, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from April 3, 1967 to July 28, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**.



JAMES PATRICK "Jim" SUCHY – Died Friday, July 14, 2017 in Vadnais Heights, Minnesota at the age of 68, surrounded by loved ones. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 23, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and attained the rank of Corporal. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. He is survived by family and friends. He will be missed by many and loved by all who knew him. A celebration of life was held at the Rosetown American Legion on July 28th between 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. He was interred in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery with the Reverend Father Paul Jarvis, officiating.



CLARK B. SUTPHEN - Died Monday, February 19, 2018 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus – Type II and heart disease. He was born on July 31, 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah to the late Jack and Donna (née Lawton) Sutphen. Clark enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. On June 27, 1970, Clark and Diana Rose Smith were united in marriage at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, enjoying more than 47 years together. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Clark worked for Roach Hardware and then was employed by the US Postal Service until his retirement with 34 years of service. He seemed to remember every name and address of those to whom he delivered the mail. He never met a stranger just friends he didn't already know. Clark's love for and his pride in his family was all encompassing. He, in turn, was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Clark was a member of Mater Dei Parish. Survivors include Clark's wife, Diana; his children, Jack Bruce Sutphen, Tracie Sutphen Thornton (Patrick), Melanie Sutphen Stafford (Jason) and Adam Todd Sutphen (Samantha); his grandchildren, McKenna, Olivia and Sterling Thornton, Cody Stafford, Jack, Quinton, Payne, Sydney, Phoenix, Easton and Maverick Sutphen; his brothers, Ronald and Mark Sutphen and Kyle Langlois, of Salt Lake City. Clark was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Sutphen and Donna Langlois; his brother, Jack, who died January 19, 1968, on his third tour in Vietnam and his brother, Roger Sutphen. A parish rosary was prayed at 5:00 PM on Wednesday at Mater Dei Assumption Church where visitation followed until 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 AM at the church. The burial was in the Rochester Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were suggested to the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Association, Vietnam Veterans of America or Mater Dei Parish, sent in care of the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.



BOBBY DON TAYLOR - Died Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Kingman Regional

Medical Center in Kingman, Arizona after a short battle with cancer. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Golden Valley, Arizona. He was born on February 23, 1954 in Richmond, California to Billy Lee and Beverly Ann (née Johnston) Taylor. Bobby grew up in California. After obtaining his GED, he joined the United States Army in 1972 and served for 6 years. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious service while assigned to the 151st Ordinance Detachment, 100th Supply and Service Battalion in Fort Sill Oklahoma. He was honorably discharged in 1978, achieving the rank of Specialist 5th Class. After the Service, Bobby attended Mira Costa College, Oceanside, California where he received an Associate in Science Degree in Law Enforcement in 1979 and then went on to earn an Associates in Arts Degree in Business Administration in 1982. In 1991 he earned Basic Electronics Technology Certificate from Palomar College, San Marcos, California. While attending college, he began work for Hughes Aircraft Industrial Products Division as a tester. Bobby worked for Hughes Aircraft through 1992 where he worked his way up to Production Assurance Supervisory Staff. After leaving Hughes Aircraft, Bobby has held many positions to include: A Wrangler – Black Mountain Trail Rides; Senior Lead Machine Operator – WNI/Central Printing Facility; Quality Control Manager – Guardian Fiberglass; Blackjack Dealer – Edgewater Casino; Maintenance – Arizona State Prison-Kingman; and a Clock Repair Man – The Clock Man. Throughout Bobby's working life he focused on continuing his education and earning certifications which would advance his career and he encouraged everyone to never stop learning. Bobby retired in 2014. In 1993, Bobby made Golden Valley his home and in 2001 Bobby married Anna in Vista, California and they were happily married for 16 years here in Golden Valley. Bobby also believed that through service one could help others by giving them a hand up – not a hand out. It was these beliefs which lead him to become a member of several community organizations: American Legion Post #22, Sons of the American Legion Post #22, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975** and a lifetime member of Golden Valley Pistoleros and Roses. During his many years with the Golden Valley Pistoleros and Roses, he was very active in promoting the local events used to raise funds for the children of Golden Valley and earned his gunfighter name "Blaze". Bobby was preceded in death by his father Billy Lee Taylor, his sister Lee Ann Taylor, and his two brothers, Billy Taylor and Donny Taylor. Bobby is survived by his mother Beverly and dad Charles Coker of Fresno, California; his spouse Anna of Golden Valley, Arizona; His daughter Dawn Barker (mother Mary (Moffett)) and her husband Chas Barker and her sons, Bobby's grandsons, Chase Parlanti, Keegan Parlanti and Lincoln Barker of Kingman, Arizona; his stepson Christopher Williams and his wife Jennifer, along with Bobby's grandsons Jace and Ty Williams of Taylorville, Utah; his stepson Eric Williams of Saint Cloud Minnesota; and his brother Charles D. Coker of Fresno, California. Bobby is also survived by extensive list of family and friends who loved and adored him. Bobby has always enjoyed a good party. On Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 at American Legion Post #22, 3435 North Verde Road,

Golden Valley, Arizona there was a party to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Veterans Sportsman Alliance (VSA), 3900 North Stockton Hill Road B335, Kingman, AZ 86409.



ROBERT L. "Bob" TEACHOUT, SR. - Died Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in Hale, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 31, 1956 in West Branch, Michigan to the late William and Margaret Teachout. Bob served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was a member of the Hale American Legion, and *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882*. Bob enjoyed fishing, coaching youth sports teams, watching NASCAR, and other sports, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Karen Teachout; his son, Rob (Crystal) Teachout, of Hale; his stepchildren, Bobbi Jo Livingston, of Prescott, Brad (Bridget) Livingston, of South Carolina and Bill Livingston, of Prescott; his siblings, Greg Teachout, Pam Green, Becky Burrows, and John Grinnell; seven grandchildren, and; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Teachout. The visitation took place on Friday December 1, 2017 from 1:00-8:00 PM and on Saturday December 2, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the funeral starting at 1:00 PM at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home.



HAROLD B. "Hal" THOMPSON, JR. – Died unexpectedly on Friday, March 9, 2018 in Kansas City, Missouri while visiting family. He was 71 years of age and a resident of San Angelo, Texas. He was born on November 28, 1946, in North Syracuse, New York, and was the oldest son of Harold B. Thompson, Sr. and the late Gertrude (née Wilbert) Thompson. Upon high school graduation, Hal enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served in the Vietnam War, earning the Bronze Star with "V" Device. After completing his time in the service, Hal attended the University of Texas at Arlington, earning a B.S. in Criminal Justice. It was during that time that he met and married Helen K. Tubbs on November 4, 1971. He was employed by the University of Texas Police System from 1973-1978. During that time, he was named Outstanding Policeman-of-the-Year for the Southwest Region which included Texas and New Mexico. In 1978, Hal and Helen moved to San Angelo where they built, owned, and operated Comet Cleaners for 30 years. Hal was involved in many clubs and organizations in his community, including the March of Dimes, Concho Cadre, Knights of Columbus (Fourth Degree Knight), San Angelo Elks Lodge 1880 (PER), a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457*, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to name a

few. Hal was known for his advocacy for his fellow veterans. He never met a stranger; he always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. Hal didn't have one daddy's girl, he had three. He was Poppy (or Pop-Pop) to five grandchildren. Hal is preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Thompson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, LaVerne and Mutt Tubbs; and his brother-in-law, Gene Lay. He is survived by his wife, Helen Thompson, his daughters Christina Thompson of San Angelo, TX, Megan Mercer and husband Curtis of Lee's Summit, MO., Cathryn Sanders and husband Joe of San Angelo, TX, and grandchildren Cooper and Carson Collier, Liam Mercer, and Harper and Preston Harold Sanders. He is also survived by his father, Harold B. Thompson, Sr., sisters Mary Hunt and Charlene Rasha, and brother John Thompson; in-laws Sondra Lay and Micki and husband Bob Ducote. A celebration of life service was held on Thursday, March 15th at 3:00 PM at the Vietnam War Memorial at the Mathis Field Memorial Park. Friends and family were invited to the San Angelo Elks Lodge after the service to share memories of Hal. In Lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America. The family would like to thank Norm Fountain, the San Angelo Elks Lodge #1880, and Amando Vasquez for their help and compassionate support. Hal enjoyed every day and would want each of us to do the same, finding the good in people and situations around us, providing leadership through service, and leaving everyone with a smile.



ROBERT EARL "Bob" THURSTON (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Jacksonville, Arkansas at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney cancer. He was born on September 9, 1945 in Forrest City, Arkansas to the late Floyd and Ruby Thurston-Jones. He graduated from Lincoln High school in Forrest City, Arkansas. In 1968 he was drafted into the United States Army. Robert also known to some as Bob, Thurston and Master Sergeant accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at Taylor's Chapel CME Church in Forrest City, Arkansas. On July 19, 1991 Robert and Linda were united in holy matrimony. He loved his wife and supported her in her career as an Education Professional. Robert enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, always taking advantage of teachable moments, giving lessons on morals, values, and good old hard work; in that "Grandpa Thurston" though love style. He was a member of the American Legion Post #1, where he and buddies would hang out once a month, swapping stories (as he called it flapping their jaws) and having lunch. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherwood Chapter #184**. He was also a faithful and supportive member of Saint Mark Community Church, Jacksonville, Arkansas, under the leadership of Reverend Al Romes. Robert was a proud Vietnam War combat veteran who always flew the American flag at his home. He served with the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, 1/77th Armor Battalion, 1968-1969, "Steel Tigers". He was awarded the Bronze star for combat service, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation, Marksman Badge W/Auto Rifle Bar, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Other awards include the Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/4 Bronze Oak leaf cluster, Army Force Reserve Medal w/ Silver Hour Glass, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Bronze Leaf Clusters, Army

Achievement Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Nation Defense Service Medal, Driver/Mechanic Badge, Overseas Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Superior Civilian Service Medal and the Department of the Army Achievement Medal. Master Sergeant Thurston was a proud, fair, professional soldier who respected the mission of the Army and believed in serving God, Country and Family. Master Sergeant Thurston retired as Battalion Maintenance Supervisor with the United States Army Reserves in 1996 after 29 years of service. Additionally, he was employed and retired as Supervisor for the Area Maintenance Support Activity (ASMA) for the State of Arkansas at Camp Pike, United States Army Reserves in 2005. After retirement, Thurston was able to have more time for his favorite hobbies. He was a self-taught carpenter, with a passion for building things and gardening. He was a handyman, who was often called upon to use his skills of building, repairing, and advising his friends when needed. Thurston was the "Go-To-Person" before "Google Me" and "You Tube." A frequent shopper of Lowes, and other home improvement stores, he knew exactly where to find all the bargains, especially for lumber and bags of cement. Truly a helping hand, many family and friends benefited from his kind heart and skillful hands. Thurston took pride in his work and helping others. Bob was an outspoken and "matter of fact" type man to those who knew him well. He told things exactly like it was, as he perceived them to be, without any sugar coating. To some this may have seemed harsh and you may not have agreed, but upon serious reflection of his words, many would conclude that he was right most of the time. He was a hardworking man and love to work with his hands, thus he would always say "as long as you have a house there is always something to be done," which is why he was never bored. If you have ever been to his and Linda's home, you will see proof of this fact from the inside to the outside. Thurston was often described by family and close friends as "the life of the party," as he often shared his quick and witty responses regarding politics and life experiences. He was definitely "one of a kind," with a million-dollar smile that will forever and will always be embedded in the hearts and memories of those who loved him. Thurston leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Linda, who he truly loved; his stepsons, Mose Rice (Barbie), of Richardson, TX, Michael Mahone, of Jacksonville, AR; his sister Rogenia Beavers (Archie), of Saint Louis, MO, Floyda Williams, of Forrest City, AR, Benita Meeks, of Paramount, CA, Shelia Woods, of Saint Louis, MO, and Theresa Washington (Richard), of Minneapolis, MN; his brothers, Floyd Thurston, of MN, John Thurston, of Iowa; his grandchildren, Madison, Mason, Kynne, and Ian; a special cousin, Betty Cummings, of Saint Louis, MO, and; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Floyd Thurston, Minneapolis, MN, his mother Reverend Ruby Jones, of Saint Louis, MO, and his brother, Jeffery Thurston, of MN. We take great comfort in the precious moments and memories he shared with us. Thurston, you are already deeply missed. Visitation hours were from 6:00-7:30 PM on Friday, November 10, 2017 at Saint Mark Community Church. Funeral services with full military honors were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Saint Mark Community Church, 800 North 1st Street, Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076. Interment was at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 13, 2017 at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery.



PAUL WILLIAM TONN – Died Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Lockport, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 26, 1948 in Lockport to the late Alfred and Ruby (née Baker) Tonn. Paul served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971. He was a member of the Navy Marine Club, Dale Association, NRA, American Legion and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lockport Chapter #268**. He worked in Production at Diversified Manufacturing. Paul is survived by his children, Daniel Tonn and Jennifer Tonn; grandchildren, Alexis (Kenneth) Leonard, Jessica Bower, Autum Bower; nephews, Jason (Laura) Tonn, Joshua Tonn. Paul is also survived by his dear friends Joanne and Jeremy (Soules) Robinson and their children, Krista Douvlos, John Douvlos and Cody Soules-Robinson. Paul was predeceased by his twin brother, Peter Tonn, brother, Phillip Tonn, sisters, Imogene Gibson and Phylis Cole. Relatives and friends visited the family on Saturday, February 17th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Prudden and Kandt Funeral Home, 242 Genesee Street, Lockport, NY, where a funeral service was held. Interment was in the Glenwood Cemetery. Memorial donations to Navy Marine Club 37 Park Avenue, Lockport, NY would be appreciated by the family.



RICHARD G. "Rick" TURNER - Died Thursday, June 29, 2017 after a four-year battle with T-Cell Lymphoma at UnityPoint Trinity, Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 67. He was a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. Rick was born on August 29, 1949 in Davenport, Iowa to the late Donald and Betty Turner. He graduated from Bettendorf High School and served with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and served two tours in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. On June 2, 1973, he married Barbara Gasper in Tipton, Kansas. He worked at John Deere for 23 years and served with the Auxiliary Police, Bettendorf. Rick and his twin brother David were the first twins in Iowa to reach their Eagle Scott rank plus three palms. He also served as a Cub Master and Scout Master. He had a great sense of humor even through tough battles with back surgeries and cancer. He enjoyed camping and photography. He was a volunteer photographer for Oakdale Memorial Gardens. He had a love for Mustang cars and the Seattle Sea Hawks. Rick was liked by all who knew him and was "Dad" to many of them. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; his son, Travis (Kimberly) Turner, all of Bettendorf; his sister-in-law, Diane (Rex) O'Brien, of Hayes, Kansas; his brother-in-law, Duane Gasper, of Ellis, Kansas; four nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin brother, David, his sister-in-law, Jaxine Gasper, nieces, Dawn Marie and Kimberly Turner, nephew, Reid O'Brien, and his dog, Shadow. Rick's family gives a special thanks to the doctors and fourth floor nursing staff at UnityPoint Health, Trinity Rock

Island, for their exceptional care and compassion shown to them. Services in celebration of his life were held at 10:30 AM on Monday July 3rd at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, 4097 18th Street, Bettendorf. Visitation hours were held from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday at the Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport and from 9:30 AM until the time of the service on Monday at the church. The Burial was in the Davenport Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the family for a memorial to yet be established.



GARY JOSEPH VACHON - Died at 11:40 PM on Monday, December 4, 2017 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois at the age of 69. He was a resident of Peoria. The cause of death is unknown. Gary was born on September 19, 1948 in Hambleton, West Virginia to the late Gilford F. and Louise T. (née Haddix) Vachon. He married Mary Sue Crusen on January 24, 1981 at Sacred Heart Church in Peoria. She died Christmas Day, December 25, 2003 in Peoria. The Vachon family moved to Illinois when Gary was 2 years old. Gary grew up in Creve Coeur, Illinois and enjoyed a “Huck Finn type boyhood” playing in the woods along the Illinois river. Surviving are four siblings, David (Adelia) Vachon of Williston FL, Susan (Joel) Yerby of Milwaukee, WI, Frances (Karl) Johnson of Southfield, MI and Louis (Janet) Vachon of Washington, and several nieces and nephews – many whom he served as godfather or confirmation sponsor. Gary diligently researched his family’s genealogy and gifted his nieces and nephews with many details of the family history. Gary was very proud of his Native American heritage and was devoted to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. Gary was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Air Force and was well known for his dedication to veterans and law enforcement personnel. He was instrumental in promoting the installation of the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial at the Peoria County Courthouse. Gary served as Chaplain of a local VFW chapter. On Nov 11, 1982, he was honored to read the names of the Vietnam War dead at the National Cathedral in Washington DC for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy were in attendance. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. He retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in Mossville in 1999 after over 30 years of service, working as an office service clerk. Gary was highly regarded as a person who would give good advice and was viewed as a true friend to many. He was sought out by many in his lifetime as a source of practical and spiritual guidance. His friendship never wavered. Gary was always willing to help others throughout his life including opening his home to his dear friend and godson, Sean Reising. Gary was Scout Master of W. D. Boyce Council Troops #10 and #983 and produced 19 Eagle Scouts during his 22 years of service. Gary enjoyed singing and playing the piano, of which he had a natural talent to play by ear and learning the Russian language. He was a published poet and often wrote opinion pieces for the newspaper. He was in the process of writing a novel. His life’s passion was his marriage to Mary Sue whom he referred to as his “spiritual date for life.” He also had a lifetime dedication to serving the church through every aspect of his life. Gary was a renowned cantor with a

beautiful singing voice and assisted at Mass for many years at Sacred Heart Church and the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Chapel. While visiting Rome, he met Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before he became Pope Benedict XVI. His faith was paramount in his life – Gary often quoted Matthew Chapter 25 ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant’ which inspired him throughout his life. His Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 11, 2017 at Saint Philomena Catholic Church in Peoria. Monsignor Michael Bliss was the celebrant. Visitation hours were from 10:00 to 10:45 AM at the church. The burial was in the Hillcrest Memory Gardens in rural Morton, where military rites were accorded by the United States Air Force and the Tazewell Military Rites Team. Arrangements were entrusted to the Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes and Crematory in Pekin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Haitian Hearts, 2727 West Heading Avenue, West Peoria, IL 61604 or OSF Saint Francis Medical Center - College of Nursing, 511 NE Greenleaf Street, Peoria, IL 61603 or Boy Scouts of America, 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603. To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com.



RICHARD H. WALKER, JR. - Died Thursday, February 22, 2018, Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885*. Friends were cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Davis Funeral Home, 901 South 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC. A celebration of Mr. Walker’s life was conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 719 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Interment was in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.



RICHARD L. "Doc" WALLACE - Died Sunday, August 21, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 30, 1927. Doc was known for his charitable work throughout his life with the Veterans, Boy Scouts, Senior Olympics, Philmont Training Center and Masonic charities. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and enjoyed being a lifeguard. Doc retired from the military after serving 20 plus years. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico*. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Wallace; his brothers, Bob Wallace, Tom Wallace, Bill Wallace and Don Wallace; his sons, Larry Wallace, Paul Wallace, Daniel Wallace; and his daughters, Donna Wallace and Mariann Wallace. Interment took place on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 12:45 PM at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please

donate to a charity representing one of Doc's passions: Veterans, the Boy Scouts, or Senior Olympics.

DAVID J. WALTERS – Died recently in 2018 in Cheboygan, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**.



THOMAS JAMES "Doc Ski" WASILESKI, PhD – Died Tuesday, October 3, 2017 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. Doc was born in San Francisco, California on January 7, 1948 to the late Bernard Wasileski and Evelyn (née Harrison) Wasileski. Doc served our country in the United States Army from 1965-1985 until retirement. He spent 17 years as a Green Beret and a Ranger, servicing in Southeast Asia and Central America. From 1985-1987, he was a Special Education Teacher. He was a Doctoral Student and Research Scientist at UNC Chapel Hill from 1987-1990, where he earned a PHD in Special Education. From 1990-1993, he was a Professor at North Carolina Central University. Doc was the current Post Commander at VFW Joe Wagoner Post #7313 in Pittsboro. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Durham Chapter #530**. He also spent time volunteering with Chatham Literacy Counsel, El Veiculo Spanish Liaison, and taught Spanish at Central Carolina Community College. 2014-2017 Doc went on Christian Mission Trips to Colombia, South America. 2009-2017 he was a member of Chatham Community Church. He was also a member of The Original Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club USA - Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Concerned Biker Association. Surviving relatives include his wife Katie, two sons; Patrick Wasileski, of Mebane, Laurens "Tony" Wasileski, of Siler City; his daughter; Merian Robbins, of Texas; six grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. The family received friends on Monday, October 9, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Donaldson Funeral Home and Cremation - Griffin Chapel. The funeral service was at 2:00 PM with Reverend Alex Kirk, presiding. The burial was in the Chatham Memorial Park in Siler City, with Full Military Rites. In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made in Doc's memory to the Chatham Community Church 480 Hillsboro Street, Suite #800, Pittsboro, NC 27312, VFW Joe Wagoner Post #7313, P.O. Box 1775, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or the Chatham Animal Rescue Education, P.O. Box 610, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Donaldson Funeral Home and Cremation was honored to serve the Wasileski family.



LARRY J. WEIDNER - Died Friday, May 12, 2017 in Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Bethel on January 17, 1948 to the late Walter and Carrie (née Miller) Weidner. He was the husband of

Eileen (née Wampler) Weidner. Larry was employed by AWI, Robesonia for 41 years, retiring in 2010. He was a 1965 graduate of Bethel HS; a member of the Bethel Salem Reformed Church; a United States Army Vietnam Veteran; Bethel VFW Post #9234; The American Legion Leon Deck Post #0091; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Temple (Reading) Chapter #131** and the Bethel Union Fire Co. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Joel, of Lebanon and Scott and wife MaryAnn, of Nevada; four granddaughters, Erika Leigh, Tori Elise, Anna Christine and Hailey Eileen; sisters, Dorothy Swope and Gladys Miller. He was preceded in death by sister Edna Fisher and brothers John, Robert, Lee and Richard Weidner. A private funeral service was held at the Kreamer and Lum Funeral Home and Crematory, Jonestown. Interment was in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lebanon VA Medical Center, 1700 South Lincoln Avenue, Lebanon, PA 17042 or to the WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital Hospice, 202 Hathaway Park, Lebanon, PA 17042.



GEORGE C. WHITEHOUSE (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Sunday, July 2, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born on November 19, 1934 in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma to the late Ernest and Louisa (née Lewis) Whitehouse. He married Jean Albrecht on March 9, 1962 in Canistota, South Dakota. He grew up in Eastern Oklahoma and enlisted in the United States Army as a young man. He was a Vietnam veteran and retired at Fort Sill in 1974 after twenty years of service. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Army Commendation Medal with 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal 4th Award, Vietnam Service Medal, Two Overseas Service bars, Six Service stripes, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device and the Presidential Unit Citation. Following his retirement from the Army he owned and operated Whitehouse Plumbing, Heating and Air from 1975 until 1988. He was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church, the VFW and the Oklahoma Airborne Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He enjoyed traveling, fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, of the home; four children, George Thomas Whitehouse, Hartshorne, Oklahoma, Teresa Wilson and husband, Larry, Lawton, Shirley Satterfield and husband Kevin, Grand Prairie, Texas and Karen Brierton, Weatherford, Texas; three grandchildren, Tatum and Andrew Brierton and Kirsten McGrath; and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents, five sisters and four brothers preceded him in death. His funeral service was at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 6, 2017 in Saint John Lutheran Church with Reverend Dr. Bill Schneider, Pastor, officiating. The burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint John Lutheran Church, 102 SW 7th Street, Lawton OK 73501 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 2448 East 81st Street, Suite #3000, Tulsa, OK 74137.



EDITH L. "Edie" WILLIAMS – Died Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1944 to the late William C. and Helen (née Reed) Patterson. She was the wife of William "Bill" Williams for 42 years. She was a 1962 graduate of the former Kingston High School. Edie had been employed as a quality control inspector at the former RCA Corporation, Mountaintop, PA and retired from Nestle USA as a sales rep in 2006. Edie was an active member of the East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, serving in many ministries. She was also a member of Church Women United, Monroe County and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. She also volunteered with Operation Touch of home and was a former brownie and girl scout leader. She loved going to baseball games and concerts, especially the Rolling Stones, Neil Diamond, and Bob Dylan. She was happiest relaxing on a beach, spending several weeks each year at Seaside Heights, N.J. with her family and friends. She also loved to read, solve crossword puzzles, and play games on her computer. Edie was predeceased by her parents and mother- and father-in-law. She is survived by her husband, Bill Williams, daughter Kerrie and her husband John Curtis of E. Stroudsburg, grandchildren Andy Tanner of Mifflinburg, Pa., Caitlyn and Alexis Curtis of E. Stroudsburg, her sister-in-law Sharon (Walter) Hoffner of E. Stroudsburg, nieces Lori Jo (Ed) Hertzler, Joann Burkhart, and Michelle (David) Hallett, nephews Ken (Naomi) Hammerstone, Craig (Wendy) Hammerstone, Tim (Lexa) Hoffner, and Kirk Hammerstone, numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews, cousins and her canine companion Shadow. A memorial service was held at the East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 83 South Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to AWSOM. Arrangements were entrusted to the Lanterman and Allen Funeral Home, Inc., 27 Washington Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Online condolences may be made via Lantermanallenfh.com.

LARRY SNEED WRIGHT - Died at 12:15 PM, Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at his home in Columbus, Kansas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born on February 28, 1948 in Nevada, Missouri to the late Alfred Sneed and Eunice (née Fogg) Wright. He attended the Police Academy at Missouri Southern and worked in law enforcement most of his life; through the 1970's he worked for Lamar Police Department; in the 1990's he worked for Vernon County Sherriff's Department; He was a Corrections Officer for Cass County; and in addition to being the K-9 officer for Sheldon, he also served as their Chief. He was a humble United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam war, fighting on the frontline, and clearing the path for the soldiers behind him. Between his employments at various law enforcement agencies, he also worked as a truck driver. On December 31, 1971 he married Ruth Emerson in Kansas City, Missouri; she survives of the home. He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, and was also active for some time with the Masonic Lodge, the VFW, and the Shriners where he was a clown for their various events. Larry was good to support the Wounded Warriors the DAV. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada Chapter**

#918. Among his interests, Larry enjoyed tinkering, visiting flea markets, and playing Pitch. Funeral services were under the direction of the Derfelt Funeral Home of Columbus, Kansas. The family received friends prior to the funeral service on Saturday, February 3, 2018, from 1:00-2:00 PM. The chapel service was at 2:00 PM. Melvin Myers officiated. Burial was in the Edgmand Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at derfeltfuneralhomes.com.



ROBERT H. YANCEY, SR. - Died Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Burlington, New Jersey at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 9, 1925. He is survived by his son, Robert H. Yancey, Jr. He was drafted into the United States Navy on October 4, 1943. The Navy was so short of men in 1943 that Yancey was not even sent to “boot camp” for basic training; he received all his instruction aboard the ships he was assigned to. The first ship he was stationed on was the *USS Alantina*, where he served as a cook. In 1943, the only two jobs available to African-American sailors were those of cook or steward, the latter a waiter for the officers’ mess; although, cooks and stewards were often assigned additional duties. Yancey spent six months aboard the *Alantina*, training not only as a cook but as a member of a torpedo defense detachment. He was then transferred to Patrol Craft 1600, in Norfolk, VA. PC-1600 subsequently sailed to the Pacific, where the first action Yancey saw was an attack by Japanese kamikaze pilots. Although a cook, he was cross-trained and manned a battle station as an anti-aircraft gunner on the vessel’s top deck. Yancey’s ship was involved in the invasion of the Philippines at Leyte and Luzon. He recalled that he gained great respect for the Filipino guerrilla fighters; he believed that without their assistance the United States would have had a much tougher time defeating the Japanese on the islands. Yancey spent the remainder of the war in the Pacific, participating in an additional landing at Mindoro in the Philippines, and in the invasion of Okinawa, with a stop at New Guinea. At the close of the war, Yancey was sent to Puerto Rico, as part of CB (Construction Battalion) 1615. There he worked unloading ships and coordinating transport of ammunition to storage on the island of Saint Thomas, remaining in Puerto Rico until his discharge on December 31, 1947. Upon returning home to Philadelphia, Yancey joined the United States Navy Reserves. He had always liked the idea of being a police officer and decided to pursue that career, so he enrolled at the Institute of Criminology in Philadelphia, with the hope of eventually becoming a detective. Yancey graduated in 1950, but shortly after graduation he received a notice of readiness for a call back to active duty. Since the Korean War was just beginning, Yancey thought he would certainly see some action. After spending four years at sea, though, he decided he had seen enough water and joined the Army. As a World War II veteran, he only had to complete eight weeks of basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, foregoing the additional eight weeks of advanced training mandated for other recruits.

Following basic training, he was immediately promoted to sergeant and assigned to "C" Company of the 24th Infantry Regiment, part of the 25th Infantry Division. The Twenty-fourth was among the last of the Army's segregated all-African-American units, known popularly as "Buffalo Soldiers." Sergeant Yancey was sent to Pusan, Korea, where he was reassigned to the regiment's Headquarters Company. The North Koreans continued to attack the Pusan Perimeter, while the Americans built up their forces in the late summer of 1950. The Twenty-fourth was later awarded the Republic of Korea Presidential Citation for its defense of the perimeter. Two members of the regiment were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. When the American army broke out of the Pusan Perimeter following the US Marine landing at Inchon, the 25th Division was the spearhead of the army's advance. The 24th Regiment was often the division's spearhead unit, launching reconnaissance missions into enemy territory. In late November 1950, the Twenty-fourth moved towards the Yalu River in North Korea, and at the end of the month made initial contact with elements of the Chinese Communist army, which subsequently launched a massive attack over the North Korean border, tumbling the Americans southward. In the fighting that ensued, the Twenty-fourth lost more than a third of its men. Sergeant Yancey described fighting the Chinese and North Koreans as "complete chaos." The Chinese were very good at infiltration and would often penetrate the American front lines and surround individual units. The mountainous terrain made holding a secure front line even more difficult. Moving supplies to the front was a long and dangerous process and getting the wounded out to safety was equally difficult; each stretcher required six men to carry it and was accompanied by four riflemen for protection. Front line units suffered heavy casualties and received constant replacements, but many of the new soldiers were unprepared for combat, because the Army, in desperate need of men, was shipping them overseas before they were adequately trained. Weather conditions in Korea added another degree of difficulty to the military mission. During the winter, daytime temperatures hovered around thirty degrees Fahrenheit, and at night would drop to thirty or forty degrees below zero. Some soldiers froze to death in their sleep. Yancey remembered that it was necessary to gather sticks, leaves or anything available to put under a tent to provide some insulation and reduce the chance of freezing. On one occasion, he developed such a bad case of frostbite on his feet that his boots needed to be cut off. The injury resulted in him being declared unfit for infantry duty, and today he receives a 100% disability for the chronic condition that developed because of the frostbite. In October 1951 the battered, bloodied Twenty-Fourth Regiment was inactivated, and the survivors were withdrawn from Korea to Sasebo, Japan aboard a transport ship. Midway through the trip, the ship was caught in a typhoon and driven onto a coral reef, where it was stranded. The ship was taking on water fast and Yancey, the only soldier on board with naval experience and training in dealing with disasters at sea, acted quickly, organizing men to keep the ship afloat until help arrived. After three days, Navy rescue ships reached the vessel, rescued the passengers and crew and conveyed them to Sasebo. Tragedy again struck the men of the luckless Twenty-fourth on the way home from Japan, as a plane transporting some of them crashed into the Pacific. Yancey's luck held, though; although he was supposed to be on board that aircraft, he had fortunately missed the flight. On returning to the United States, Sergeant Yancey was transferred from the infantry to the military police and stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Although desegregation of the military (initiated in 1948) was completed during the Korean War, racism continued, especially on bases in Southern states that still had

legal civilian segregation. A major informed Sergeant Yancey that even though he was a military policeman, he was not authorized to stop or question white soldiers -- for any reason. Growing up in Philadelphia, Yancey had never experienced the level of racism that he encountered in Georgia. He recalled, however, that he would not let himself give into negativity and continued to do his job to the best of his ability. On one occasion, he broke up a fight between four soldiers, two of whom were white and two black. A civilian police officer ordered Yancey to hand over the soldiers; Yancey refused and took the men back to their barracks. The major had Yancey arrested for pulling his firearm on a civilian and threatened him with court-martial. After thirty days under house arrest, Yancey was able to tell his side of the story to the colonel in charge of the military police (provost marshal). The colonel expressed outrage at the major's behavior and immediately released Yancey from arrest and returned him to duty. Conflict with the major continued; however, and by 1953 Yancey had had enough of it and asked the colonel to send him back to Korea. The colonel resolved the problem by transferring both, sending Yancey to Mannheim, Germany, where he was assigned to an ordnance unit processing old American army vehicles that were being transferred to NATO forces. Yancey described the job as, "not being right for him," and he recalled that his superiors criticized him for "being too hard on his subordinates." After his stint in Germany, Yancey returned to the United States and was assigned to an infantry basic training unit at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as the only African-American noncommissioned officer in the outfit. His job was to train drafted conscientious objectors for noncombat duties. Again, he was criticized for being too hard on his subordinates. Yancey, however, remembering his combat experience in Korea, maintained that "he was hard on them to train them to be ready for the harshest battle situations." Yancey's next assignment was to a medical unit attached to the 809th Engineer Battalion, which was building railroads in rural areas of Thailand. He subsequently served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969 in the Medical Service Corps, where he oversaw transporting patients from the battlefield to field hospitals in the Phu Tai Valley, near Qui Nhon. In his two years of duty in Vietnam, Yancey never lost a patient, and he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service there. Sergeant Yancey retired from the Army in 1971, settled in New Jersey and received degrees in Behavioral Psychology and History. After graduation he worked as a teacher at Trenton State Prison, instructing inmates in social studies, and later became State Coordinator for Behavioral Modification in the New Jersey prison system, where he worked for twenty years, attempting to inculcate life lessons he had learned himself in a long and distinguished military career. He remembered that the most important lessons he had learned, however, came from his father, which he summed up as to "always treat others the way you want to be treated, and to never give in to negativity." He said that it was those simple rules that allowed him to deal with life itself and to overcome the racism that he had encountered along the way. After retiring from the prison system, Robert Yancey offered his services as a volunteer, performing the same job he had as an employee, for two or three days a week, which he continues. He told the interviewer that he believes it is a veteran's duty to share his or her experiences with and teach younger generations. He is currently the State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, and he strongly encourages all veterans to share their stories with others. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899*. A memorial service was held in his honor at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Fountain of Life Center, 2035 Columbus Road, Florence, NJ 08518. "Rest in peace, soldier, job well done!" At the

family's request, those wishing to donate in Mr. Yancey's name may forward to Stand Down of South Jersey, PO Box 2612, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.



DENNIS R. YORK, SR. - Died Thursday, January 18, 2018 at a hospital in McAllen, Texas at the age of 71. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 24, 1946 in Watertown to the late Alvin and Jennie (née Fish) York. He entered the United State Navy in 1963, serving during the Vietnam era and was honorably discharged in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. On December 30, 1967, Dennis married Judy Green at Watertown. The couple made their home in Watertown where Dennis was a flooring contractor for 35 years, retiring in 2004. They spent their winters in Texas for the past 14 years. Dennis has had cardiac issues and fought cancer the last three years. He enjoyed woodworking and loved his dogs, especially “BJ”. Dennis is survived by his wife, Judy, of Watertown; his three children: Dennis, Jr. (Julie) York of Port St. Lucie, FL, Shawn (John) Gilman of Watertown and Travis (Wendy) York of Oak Hills, CA; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Duane (Nancy) York, of Watertown; one sister, Donna (David) Beynon, of Watertown; two half-brothers; four half-sisters; his mother-in-law, Joyce Green, of Watertown; and one sister-in-law, Shirley Cates, of Watertown. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Daniel Cates; and his father-in-law, Louis Green. Memorial services were at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Crawford-Osthus Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Pastor Scott Dempster officiated. The family requested family and friends to meet at the chapel on Saturday by 1:30 PM for a prayer service. There was no visitation. Honorary pallbearers were Dennis’ grandsons: Dennis York III, Devin York, Sterling York, Skyler York, Willett York and Adrian Gilman. Memorials may be directed to “AA” or Codrington County Cares.



ZANE TALMADGE YOUNG - Died Thursday, August 17, 2017 at his residence in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 21, 1930 in Lawtell, Louisiana to the late Eldridge and Gussie Mattie (née Brunson) Young. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 26 Years, achieving the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He worked as Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor before retiring from active duty. Within a year he transitioned to USAF Civil Service, Vehicle Maintenance Officer at England Air Force Base, Alexandria, Louisiana. His unity won several awards to include "Best in Air Force". He retired when England AFB was closed in 1992. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Zane is preceded in death by his parents, Eldridge and Augusta Young; brother, Hubert Young (Marie); sister, Ruth Young Domingue

(Henry); spouse of 25 years, Sylvia Quarry Young. Those left behind to cherish his memory are, his loving wife of 37 years, Patsy Ruby Young; daughter, Susan Young Thomson (Scot); son, Philip Stuart Young; stepson, CMSgt. Anthony "Tony" Abbott (Lucy); stepdaughter, Nicole "Nicki" Abbott Mitchell (Richard); granddaughters, Lynsey Lucile Abbott, Katherine "Katie" Nicole Mitchell, Sophia Mattie Abbott, and Madeline "Maddie" Marie Mitchell, and a host of family and friends around the world. He was a fantastic cook and loved holding cookouts for friends and family, but his favorite pastime was spending special time with his children and granddaughters. His hobbies included restoration of antique vehicles, travel and camping. Zane lived his life by one rule, do it right the first time! He was a role model for many to include his children, grandchildren and many men and women that he supervised in the military. According to Zane's wishes, he was cremated. There was a graveside service and burial on August 26, 2017 at 10:00 m by Deacon Richard Mitchell officiating. The burial was in the Church Point Methodist Church Cemetery, Church Point, Louisiana. In addition, there was no visitation held at the funeral home. Zane requested that memorials be made to the charity of one's choice in lieu of flowers. Friends may post online messages of condolence for the Young family by visiting www.gallagherfh.com.



RONALD S. "Ron" ZULKIEWSKI – Died Sunday, February 18, 2018 in Skandia, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born on January 1, 1947 in Petoskey, Michigan to the late John and Irene (née Dubell) Zulkiewski. He was a 1964 graduate of Pellston High School. After high school he attended Michigan Tech, where he pursued an Associate Degree of Applied Science. He ultimately received his degree from the community college of the Air Force. Ron began his service to our country in 1966 when he joined the United States Air Force. He dedicated twenty-five years of his life to our nation, which included two tours of active duty in Vietnam. While enlisted, he received the Unit Award with Valor Device and 4 oak leaf clusters, amongst other awards and recognitions. In 1991, Ron retired from the Air Force and went to work for Proctor and Gamble as a sales representative. He also worked for Ramrod, where he built hydraulic cylinders. Though he was retired from the military, the effects of Ron's exposure to Agent Orange while in Vietnam continued to plague his health and ultimately took his life. On May 2, 1970, Ron married the love of his life and best friend, Sharon Leis of Cheboygan. They were married at Ron's "home" parish of Saint Nicholas Church in Larks Lake, Michigan. The couple have a home in Larks Lake, where they enjoyed vacationing, visiting, and spending time with family and friends. The most important thing in Ron's life was family and his faith. Ron and Sharon's lives were blessed with the birth of their son, Ronnie Zulkiewski, on April 14, 1975. Their hearts were shattered when Ronnie Zulkiewski, M.D. passed away on June 23, 2009. It was their faith that saw them through that loss, as well as the health challenges that Ron faced in the past several years. Ron was a member of Saint Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey, Michigan. Throughout his life Ron participated in

many sports, many of which were for Air Force Base teams. He enjoyed softball, basketball, and bowling. His love for golf led to him creating his own 18-hole Yooper Golf Course on Martin Lake. Other hobbies that Ron enjoyed were hunting, fishing, and playing cards. He was also a *Life Member* of the following agencies: **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Ron leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Sharon. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Gregory (Monica) Leis of Cheboygan; and sisters-in-law Sheryl (Walt) Briggs, of Copemish; and Shelly Deemer, of Traverse City. He will be dearly missed by his brother, Brian (Tonya) Shurtleff of Pellston and sister, Karen Bowman of Harbor Springs. Ron is also survived by two aunts, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his son, Ron was preceded in death by both of his parents. A Funeral Mass took place Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Larks Lake. The family is being attended by the Canale-Tonella Funeral Home of Marquette, Michigan. Donations may be made in Ron's name to a charity of your choice. The world will feel quite empty without him in it, though we know that whenever we might need him, we can look up, and he will be there. So now, Ron, husband, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, go and rest in peace. May you find the joy and comfort that you provided to each of us in your ever after. Godspeed.

**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