

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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REYNALDO E. ALFAR - Funeral Mass for MSG (Retired) Reynaldo E. Alfar, 74, Lawton, Oklahoma will be at 11:30am Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Philip Seeton, Pastor officiating. MSG Alfar died Saturday, November 6, 2010 in a Lawton hospital. The cause of death is unknown. Burial with Full Military Honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma under the direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. A wake service will be held Sunday evening at 5pm at the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. He was born June 18, 1936 in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines to Francisco and Celerina (Eusebio) Alfar. He married Irmtraud K. Kroeck on August 30, 1963 in Heuchelheim/Giessen, Germany. He retired from the United States Army on January 31, 1985 after 24 years of service. He served tours in Vietnam and while in the Army he earned the following awards. National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Driver Badge with bar, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Civil Actions Honor Medal-2, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm, Good Conduct Medal-7, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Army Service Ribbon, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon-3, Army Commendation Medal-2, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Marksman (Rifle M-16). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. After his retirement from the Army, he received his Air Conditioning and Refrigeration License and operated his own business, Ray Alfar Heating and Air Conditioning for several years in Lawton. He was one of the founders of the Filipino-American Association in Lawton/Fort Sill, and was a member of the Mended Hearts Association of Lawton/Fort Sill. An avid fisherman, Ray was known for his fish fry's and his famous brisket. He is survived by his wife Irmtraud (Irmi) of the home, a son Frank K. Alfar of Amarillo, TX, a brother Douglas E. Alfar and family of California, Ann Alfar and family of Colorado, four sisters, Ched Alfar Nava and husband Ted and family of Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, Prescy Alfar Laguerta of California, Tess Alfar Sy and husband Ed and family of California and Tia Beth Ruiz of Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, three God children, Philip Campos Bishop, GA, Romina Troester of Germany, Nadia Pilar- Gonzalez, TX, extended family, Karl Happel of Germany, Sonda and Whitney Williams of Texas, Elma Campos and family, Dr. Jim and Maria Pilar and family, DRs Tony and Fe dela Paz, Dr. Rodrigo and Piere Mariano and Family, Mary and Glynis Tejada, Audrey Tejada-Yu and Joe Yu, Ed and Nelia Maniulit and family, Brent and Zena Erskine and family, Rosemarie Jolly and family, Ellydia Seymour and all of the members of the Filipino-American Association of Lawton/Fort Sill.

LOUIS NEIL ALLS (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Friday, October 8, 2010 in Troutville, Virginia at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Roanoke, Virginia on July 7, 1928. Major Alls graduated from William Byrd High School. He received his BS Degree from Black Hills State University and his Masters from VPI&SU. His distinguished military career of 20 years included flying over 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia as a B-52 Radar Navigator. He

received numerous decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following his retirement from the United States Air Force, he worked as an instructor in Investigative and Security Services, and Firearms training. Major Alls was actively involved in The Air Force Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**; Professional Investigator & Security Assoc., and the Ridge Rifle Assoc. Lou, "Neil", was preceded in death by his mother, Frances W. Weaver. He is survived by his wife, Elda B. Alls; his children, Vernon "Rusty" Alls (Dominique), Patrick Alls (Sandra), Elizabeth Candler (Al), Norman Belcher (Ewa'), Beverly Moody (Howard); his grandchildren, Kyle Alls, Haleigh Alls, Joshua Alls (Angie), SSgt. Jason Alls (Amber), Jessica Alls (Shon), Justin Alls (Janet), Phillip Saunders, Stuart Candler, Nathan Candler, Vincent Belcher, Peter Griffin; four great-grandchildren; brother, John W. Weaver (Sue). Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at Oakey's North Chapel. Pastor Karen B. Cassell will officiate. Interment will be in Sherwood Memorial Park with full Military Honors by the United States Air Force. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 100, Chamberlain, S.D. 57326. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2010, at Oakey's North Chapel, 540-362-1237.

DAVID RONALD ALVERSON - 72, of Ooltewah Died Friday, November 26, 2010 in Ooltewah, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on January 14, 1938. A lifelong resident of Chattanooga, Mr. Alverson was retired Criminal Investigator from the United States Army after 21 years of service. Following his military career he retired from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept. as chief Deputy after 13 years of service and also retired from Memorial Hospital after 13 years. He was a member of Christian Family Church and Brainerd Presbyterian Church. He also held membership with **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203** and received Police Officer of the Year from the Exchange Club of Chattanooga in 1980 and Police Officer of the Year, Hamilton County Sheriff's Dept. in 1979. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Franklin Alverson and Johnnie Louise Roan Alverson; brothers, Kenneth Alverson and Robert Kelly. Survivors are his wife of 52 years, Bobbie Alverson; two sons, Dave Alverson, Gulf Breeze, FL and Terry Alverson, Alpharetta, GA; three sisters, Louise Hardwick, Tifton, GA, Betty Meyers, Azle, TX and Vet Alverson, Ft. Worth, TX; four grandchildren, Kathryn, Lauren, Eric and David. Services will be held Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ron Ragon officiating. Burial will be in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday from 3-7 PM at Heritage Funeral Home, East Brainerd Road.

MERRILL L. ANDERSON - Died Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Trinity Bettendorf in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 19, 1948 in Ames, Iowa to Marvin A. and Marietta B. Anderson. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 417 Main Street, Davenport. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday with a rosary at 4 p.m. at Weerts Funeral Home, Kimberly at Jersey Ridge, Davenport. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials may be made to Veterans for Veterans' Housing. He served with the United States Navy during Vietnam. He married Lois Geiger on July 19, 1975, in Rock Island, Illinois. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He graduated from the University of

Iowa in 1970. He was a consultant/trainer in Davenport. In 1993, he started his own business, "Business Resources," which trained and consulted businesses. He took an active involvement with Veterans for Veterans' Housing and had been an active member of Iowa Quad City Rotary Club. Survivors include his wife, Lois; brother, Mark Anderson, of Spencerport, N.Y.; sisters, Mary (Peter) Wislocki, of Westfield, N.J., and Martha (Hal) Stahl, of Aplington, Iowa; a niece; six nephews; and his "Mom," Julia Anderson, of Ames, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father and mother. Online condolences may be expressed to Mr. Anderson's family by visiting his obituary at www.WeertsFH.com.

STEVEN C. ARTZ - Died Thursday October 20, 2010 in his residence in Vandalia, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on September 30, 1948 the son of Richard & Roberta Ruth Artz. He was a veteran of the United States Navy having served in the Vietnam War where he received a Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97** and a member of several other veterans' organizations. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Blessing Funeral Home, 11900 N. Dixie Drive, Tipp City, Ohio with Pastor Rick Barnes officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be from 5:00 - 6:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home.

GEORGE ELLIS BAKER - Died Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the VNA Horton Hospice Center in Valparaiso, Indiana. He was 60 years of age and a resident of Valparaiso. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 27, 1947 in Dallas, Texas to Willie and Nancy (Norris) Baker. On March 29, 1975, he married Anne Marie LaForce who survives. Also surviving are his sons: Morgen Elliot LaForce Baker of Forest Park, IL and Mitchell Ellis LaForce Baker of Valparaiso. Surviving him also is his brother, Thomas Earl Baker of Arlington, Texas; his sister, Elizabeth Ann Baker-Brewer of Roxton, TX; one niece; and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. George was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso, the Kiwanis, the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and was a retired U.S. Naval Lieutenant, having served in the United States Navy for 28 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He has taught classes at Keller DeVry University, the former Sawyer College and most recently was teaching at Purdue University North Central. He was also a financial supervisor for Wadell and Reed in Orland Park, IL. Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso. Private family funeral services will take place on Wednesday. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Katherine Pokorny Scholarship Fund, c/o Frank Pokorny, 634 Winding Creek Path, Valparaiso, IN 46385.

DONALD L. BENNETT - Died Thursday, October 7, 2010 at his home in Galena, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1948 in Lancaster, Wisconsin, the son of Richard and Ruth (Jentz) Bennett. He graduated from Galena High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1968 until his honorable discharge in 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**. He was employed at the Chrysler Plant in Belvidere and later worked at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Red's Antiques and the Palace Campground, all in Galena. He spent his time working on crafts,

making airplanes, dream catchers, fishing, antiques, playing euchre and shuffle board. He was an avid Steelers fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR. He cherished his time spent with his grandchildren, family, and friends. He will be sadly missed by all. He is survived by his children, Chris (Alegra Spurr) Koser of Freeport, Brian (Hollie Streit) Bennett of Twin Lakes, Wis., Amy (Todd) Knautz of Galena, David (Diane) Bennett of Dubuque, Iowa, Dana (Kevin Brown) Bennett of Galena, and Bridget and Donna Bennett, both of Oakdale, Minn.; sixteen grandchildren, Savanna, Samantha, Stephanie, Jamie, Angela, Josh, Taylor, Aiden, Ashley, Emma, Ethan, Ellie, Noah, Claire, Kylie and Kenzie; two sisters, Shirley Novinskie and Beverly Schultz, both of Fennimore, Wis.; a brother, Steve (Kathy) Bennett of Capron; a sister-in-law, Sis Bennett of Potosi, Wis.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Doug and Jim; and a nephew, Kent. Friends may gather from 4-7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11 at the Furlong Funeral Chapel in Galena. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010 at the Furlong Funeral Chapel, Galena. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Galena, where military honors will be accorded at graveside. Cremation rites have been accorded.



PAUL BERNARD BROWN - Died Monday, March 29, 2004 at New Britain General Hospital in New Britain, Connecticut at the age of 81. He was a resident of Plainville, Connecticut. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of the late Rose (Koziatek) Brown. He was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, son of the late John W. and Lillian (Ranger) Brown he lived in Plainville for 22 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Plainville. Paul, a retired United States Army Master Sergeant, served his country during the Korean War and three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star four times and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts*. He was an active Mason and Shriner, member of the Exchange Club of Plainville and the American Legion Post 200, Rocky Hill. Paul was a literacy volunteer at Plainville High School and was a lecturer for the Connecticut Master Gardener Association. He is survived by his two brothers-in-law, Peter Koziatek and Joseph Cody both of New Britain and several nieces and nephews. His funeral service will be held on Saturday, at 9 a.m. from the Burrirt Hill Funeral Home, 332 Burrirt St., New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, at 10 a. m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Burial with military honors will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday from 4-6 p.m. at Burrirt Hill.

CLARK FRANKLIN “Frank” BUCKLAND - Died Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at his home in Beaver, West Virginia following a long illness at the age of 63. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and heart disease. He was born on October 29, 1946, at MacArthur, West Virginia to the late Willie Buckland and Stella Mae Isom Buckland. Mr. Buckland was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army, a former coal miner, and last was employed as a heavy equipment construction worker. Mr. Buckland was a member of the Sophia-Midway VFW Post 4326 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**. He was of the Baptist faith. Preceding Mr. Buckland in death were a brother, James Frederick Buckland, and a sister, Karen Elaine Hodges. Survivors include his wife, Dianne Groff Buckland, two sons, Steven Buckland of

Kentucky, and Scott Buckland of Kentucky; a daughter, Missy Duncan of Midway; a brother, Roger Buckland and his wife Carol of MacArthur; and three grandchildren also survive. Also eleven stepchildren, including Carl Manning Jr. and William Manning both of Beckley, Kimberly Smith of Daniels, and Valerie Lester of Daniels, are among survivors. Funeral services will be conducted at the Rose and Quesenberry Peace Chapel in Beckley, WV, on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 1 p.m. with Chaplain Mark Lobst officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Beckley. Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the services. Pallbearers will be family members and friends. Online condolences may be sent to our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net. The Sophia Midway VFW Post Honor Guard will provide Military Graveside Rites. Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley.



LARRY EUGENE BURTON - Died Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at the VA Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 60. He was a resident of Piedmont, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1950, in Bluefield, West Virginia to the late Dennis F. Burton (a World War II Veteran) and Mary Josephine Amos Burton. A memorial service with full military honors for 1SG (Ret) Larry Eugene Burton will be at 11 a.m. Monday at K.L. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Chapel with the Rev. Stephen Allen Carlton officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to service. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Melissa Maness Burton, Piedmont; a daughter, Stephanie Ann Carlton and her two sons, Kyle Aaron Ownby and Keegan Allen Carlton; three sons, Joseph Andrew Burton, currently living in China; Stephen Allen Carlton, his wife, Candace Hannah, and their three sons, Spencer, Samuel and Sawyer, Eagleville, Tenn.; and Stewart Aaron Carlton, currently living in Uganda; three sisters, Connie Heffinger and her husband, Ralph, Falls Mills, Va.; Diann Hayton and her husband, Lee, Bluefield, W.Va.; and Anita Bennett and her husband, Don, also of Falls Mills, Va.; nine nieces; and five nephews. He joined the Army bravely at the age of 17. He served two tours in Vietnam as well as two tours in Germany. While in the U.S. he was stationed at Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas and various times at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where he retired in 1989. He served his country proudly as a truck driver, Military Police NCO, Corrections NCO, and Drill Sergeant. Larry was the recipient of the Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal and numerous other awards and decorations. After retirement, he became a Security Officer at Gadsden State Community College, Ayers Campus, where he worked for the last 20 years. Larry had a passion for young people and would often challenge them to excel in life and accomplish their goals. He also enjoyed interacting with the students by playing pool with them in the Student Center. During Christmas, he would dress up as Santa Claus and give toys and treats to the young students enrolled in the Head Start program. Larry participated with various organizations in the community. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, riding in more than 50 honor missions for other American heroes. He was an active member of the Veterans of Vietnam Motorcycle Club, a life member of VFW Post 924, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**, American Legion Post 26 and Disabled American Veterans and participated in various events with the Fraternal Order of Police. Due to Larry's high regard for education and our nation, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Living Word International, Attn: K.L.I.P at

7255 S. Military Trail, Lake Worth, Florida 33463. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.klbrownfuneralhome.com.

PETER CAMPANA - Died Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts surrounded by his loving family. He was 59 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 16, 1951 a son of the late Lucian and Dorothy (Cicerchia) Campana. Peter attended the Ludlow school system, and he was employed at American Saw in East Longmeadow for 27 years where he retired in 2002. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970-1971 with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He is survived by his devoted wife of 38 years Mary (Gadoury) Campana of Springfield, two devoted daughters Alicia Ann DeRonck and Angel Cruz, Erin Lyn LaQuerre and husband Robert, one sister Lucinda Tuthill and her husband Robert of Montana. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. Family and friends are invited to a service at 10A.M. on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, followed by military honors. Arrangements entrusted to the Forastiere Smith Funeral Home, 220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.



RONALD THOMAS CANTWELL – Died Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 66. He was a former longtime resident of Waterbury, Vermont. The cause of death was complications from heart valve surgery. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 16, 1943, to Thomas Edward and Mabel (Barrett) Cantwell. On July 31, 1965 he married the former Penny Sabin at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX. Ron was a 1961 graduate of Triton High School in Runnemede, NJ and then joined the United States Air Force. He served at Phan Rang Air Base during the Vietnam War for a year on a rescue chopper where he flew over 80 combat missions and following his war service, was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base where he served as crew chief for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Ron was a very proud Irishman and veteran. He dedicated many years of service to the Waterbury Volunteer Fire Department and the Waterbury Ambulance Service where he loved his role in helping people. He was a member of the Harry N. Cutting American Legion Post 59 of Waterbury, was a lifetime member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036** and the Waterbury Fire Dept. Ron was a workaholic and wasn't happy if he wasn't doing something productive every day. He owned and operated Cantwell Jewelers in Waterbury for over 17 years. He and Penny retired to Florida but traveled north to watch his grandsons play sports as often as he could. His grandson's were the apple of his eye. He enjoyed teaching them gardening, stamp and coin collecting and history. Ron is survived by his wife of 45 years; Penny Sabin Cantwell of The Villages, FL; 2 sons, Ronnie Wayne Cantwell and his wife, Chrissy, and their two sons, Justin Thomas Cantwell and Jacob Paul Cantwell of Waterbury Center, and Kevin James Cantwell and his wife, Robyn of Orlando FL; his

sisters, Lynn Tomlinson and her husband, Bob of The Villages, FL, Dawn Esposito and her husband, Bob of Michigan, Val Dalton and her husband, Joseph of Arizona, Denise Bicknell and her husband, Jim of New Jersey; a brother, Doug Curry of Arizona; his sisters-in-law, Peggy Anderson of The Villages FL, Patty Harvey and her husband, Jim of Duxbury, Polly Sabin of Waterbury, Pam Merchant and her husband, Dennis of The Villages FL; his brother-in-law, James Sabin and his wife, Alice of Moretown; a dear friend, Carla Lawrence of Waterbury; as well as many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held from the Waterbury Congregational Church in Waterbury on November 13, 2010 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow in the church dining room. Friends may call at the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home in Waterbury on November 12th from 7-9 p.m. The family requests that flowers be omitted; rather memorial gifts would be appreciated to the American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org.) or to the Waterbury Fire Fighters Association, 51 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676. To send on-line condolences please visit www.perkinsparker.com.

THOMAS JEROME "Top Cat" CHAPMAN - Died suddenly on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1942 in Fairbury, Nebraska. His proudest days were as a detective with the Jefferson County Police Department in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to joining the police force, Tom served his country in the United States Navy during the tense times of the Cuban Missile Crisis. A storyteller, an avid fisherman, and a proud American, he will be missed by all. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. Tom is survived by his loving mother, Wilma Jean Chapman Turner of Victoria; brother, Jack R. Chapman Jr. (Ruth Ann) of Buffalo, N.Y.; and nephews, Darren P. Chapman (Jennifer) of Portland and Scott D. Chapman (Meghan) of Rochester, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack R. Chapman Sr. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Colonial Funeral Home, 1801 E. Red River, Victoria, 361-578-3535.

STEPHEN JOSEPH CHERAMIE – Died Saturday, October 2, 2010 in Galliano, Louisiana at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 20, 1943 in Golden Meadow, Louisiana to the late Eunice J. and Ezona M. Cheramie. He is survived by his wife, Sherry R. Cheramie, of the home; his son, Scotty Cheramie; one granddaughter, Morgan Cheramie, and; one sister, Geraldine Cheramie. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the United Veterans League, the American Legion – Golden Meadow Post, Veterans of Foreign War – Dulac Post and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a board member of the Veterans Memorial District Ward 10, the Heroes Park in Houma, Louisiana. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houma Chapter #630**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Golden Meadow. Interment was in Saint Joseph Cemetery.



WILLIS "Ray" CLEM - Died Monday, September 27, 2010 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, Missouri at the age of 75. He was a resident of Monett, Missouri. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 25, 1935 in Georgetown, Kentucky to the late George and Alma (Duncan)

Clem. He was united in marriage to Bette Shoesmith July 1, 1972. Ray served in the United States Navy in two tours of Vietnam, four tours Antarctica and four years White House staff. He was a member of the American Legion Post 313, Lexington, KY, VFW Post 91, Monett, MO, Vietnam Veterans and Fleet Reserve Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eagle Rock Chapter #1023**. Ray moved to Monett from Homestead, Florida in 1973. He later retired from Ryder in Monett as service manager in 1993. Ray is survived by his wife Bette; three daughters: Carol and husband Charles Brazeale of St. Louis, MO, Lisa Clem and Louise Clem of Christ Church, New Zealand; one son: Mitchell Clem of Christ Church, New Zealand; one sister: Fay Hedger of Lexington, KY; three grandchildren: Dak Keeling, Olivia Keeling and Hunter Keeling of Joplin, MO. Ray was preceded in death by one son, Steven Clem and one sister, Mae Hensley. Visitation will be held from 6pm till 8pm Thu, Sep 30, 2010 at Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home in Monett, Mo. Services will be held 10am Fri, Oct 1, 2010 at the funeral home. Graveside services will take place at 11am Sat, Oct 2, 2010 in Georgetown Cemetery in Georgetown, KY. Memorial donations can be made to the Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, or Hospice of Monett in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at bennettwormington.com. Arrangements are under the care of Bennett-Wormington Funeral Home Monett, Missouri.

DALTON RAY CLEMENTS, SR. - Died Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in Edna, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 15, 1940, in Wharton, Texas to Minna Vee Clements and the late Ray Clements. He was a rancher and owner of 17 Cattle Company. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He is survived by his mother; wife, Pat Carter; daughter, Anna St. Clair and husband Kevin of West Monroe, La.; sons, Dalton Ray Clements Jr. and wife Lila of Bay City and Leonard Clements and wife Lorrie of East Bernard; sister, Patricia Fay Lindley and husband Richard of Louise; and grandchildren, Dalton J., Dustin R., and Karina Clements of Bay City, Sara, Seth and Jake Clements of East Bernard, Lee and Janie St. Clair of West Monroe, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Clements; sister, Peggy Frenzel; granddaughter, Courtney Clements; and grandson, Brazos Ray Clements. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today, Oct. 8, at Slavik Chapel. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at First Baptist Church in Lolita, Mr. Dennis Farris officiating. Interment will follow at Red Bluff Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dalton J. Clements, Dustin R. Clements, Lee St. Clair, Donald Sutton, Johnny Sutton, and Doug Frenzel. Honorary pallbearers are Cecil Sanchez, Dave Mitcherling, Dr. John McNeill, Mark McNeill, Joe Sarlls, and Dr. Justin Powell. Slavik Funeral Home, Edna, 361-782-2152.



CRAIG H. CLOSE - Veteran advocate extraordinaire, died in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2010 at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 30, 1939 in Upland, California. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of E-6. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was laid to rest at the Rhode Island Veterans' Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island on Friday, November 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM. He belonged to all the Veterans Organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Wakefield Chapter #325. His efforts for veterans will be missed. He was a proud Vietnam veteran. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

STEPHEN A. COLLINS – Died in October 2010 in Clearwater, Florida at the age of 65. He was formerly of Bethpage, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82.**

HERMANN “Ed” COOK – Died Friday, October 1, 2010 in Pocatello, Idaho at the age of 71. The sun is not shining as bright as it once did because we lost a wonderful man today. Our dad died too young at the age of 71 due to complications of an extended illness. Ed was born April 4, 1939, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Sidney and Ellen Cook. He attended school in Pocatello and graduated from Pocatello High School in 1957. Deciding to serve his country, he joined the United States Navy where he spent the next 20 years as an electrician. He always called it a 20-year vacation since he was able to travel; he was stationed out of San Diego. He served his country well and completed 8 tours of duty in Vietnam. Even he admits he wasn't the same after that; he lost many friends and a part of himself over there. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pocatello Chapter #901.** He was determined to make the best of life and he did just that. He had a wonderful sense of humor and even though his health was failing he always tried to look on the bright side of life. He loved Halloween and Christmas and enjoyed shopping for the latest gadgets the holidays had to offer. He enjoyed watching sports - golf, football and NASCAR. Dad loved jigsaw puzzles, it kept his mind sharp and he enjoyed giving them to friends and family to display. He was a wonderful father and friend and he will be greatly missed. Ed is survived by his three children, Darcel Cook, Dennis (Cheryl) Cook, Joseph Cook and two grandsons, Lance and Dustin Cook. He is also survived by the most wonderful friends a person could have. Dad always believed in quality rather than quantity and he had the best. They know who they are and without them he would not have had the love and support he needed to make it another day. He appreciated you more than you will ever know. Dad disliked funerals and said he wouldn't even attend his own if he didn't have to. Per his wishes cremation took place and there will be no formal services. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

JAMES J. COWIE – Died Thursday, December 4, 2008 in Greenlawn, New York at the age of 60. The cause of death was a heart attack but also suffered from PTSD and the disease of alcoholism. He was born in Huntington, New York on August 1, 1948 to James and Lois Cowie. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his ex-wife, his three daughters, five grandchildren and his brother, Robert who is also a Vietnam Veteran. He served in the United States Army from September 1967 to September 1969 and served in Vietnam in the Infantry from January 1968 to January 1969 and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11.**

FELIX CRUZ - Funeral Mass for Felix Cruz, 75, Lawton, will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Marvin F. Leven officiating. Wake service will be at 6 p.m. today in Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Mr. Cruz died Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at

his home. Burial with full military honors will be in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Felix Cruz was born in Agana, Guam, on Aug. 6, 1935. He attended the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, graduating in 1958, with a bachelor-of-arts degree in political science. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 with a master's degree in public administration and from Oklahoma City University in December 1981, with a doctorate of law. He was a distinguished military graduate at UD in the ROTC Program, and received a U.S. Army commission in the field artillery as a second lieutenant. Following graduation from the University of Dayton, he returned to Guam and taught at Agana Junior High School for one year. He married Mary Untalan in Chalan Pago, Guam, on Aug. 9, 1958. He reported to Fort Sill in August 1959 to attend the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. He completed the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, the Nuclear Weapons Employment Officer Course and the Command and Staff General College Course. He completed the Military Assistance Training Advisory Course at Fort Bragg, N.C., the Vietnamese Language Short Course at the Naval Language School, Monterey, Calif.; and the USAF Air Ground Operation School. He served tours of duty at Fort Sill, Korea and Okinawa and two tours in Vietnam. On his first tour, he was an advisor to an artillery battalion and later as an infantry battalion adviser. On his second tour he served as a staff officer with the 1st Brigade, 5th Inf Div (Mech) in Quang Tri. He served one tour at Cameron University as a ROTC instructor and was the senior class instructor and advisor for the first commissioned class which graduated from Cameron University in 1970. He retired from the United States Army in August 1979, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His military decorations included: Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Armed Forces Honor Medal, first class; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Infantryman Badge; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with four overseas service bars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, United Citation with Palm; Vietnam Service Medal, and; Vietnam Staff Medal, first class. He was also inducted into the Order of Saint Barbara. In addition to his military commendations, he received a Legislative Resolution from the Seventh Guam Legislature recognizing and congratulating him on his military accomplishments and services as an attorney for the City of Lawton. Following retirement from the Army, he was employed by the City of Lawton as a grants management officer. While working for the city, he attended law school at night at Oklahoma City University graduating in December 1981. He later served as the City's Public Defender and as an assistant city attorney. He was appointed city attorney and served in that capacity until his retirement on July 31, 1998. He subsequently served as an alternate municipal judge for the City of Lawton. He organized the Cub Scout Pack at Woodland Hills School in 1968 and became its first pack leader. He served as the athletic coordinator and organizer for the Woodland Hills School football and basketball midget teams from 1968 through 1970. He was a member of Saint Barbara and Holy Family Catholic Church, the Noon Optimist Club, the Chamorro Society of Texoma, American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Comanche County Bar Association, the International Festival Committee and was a *Life Member* of VFW Post #5263 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He served on the Board of Director of the Oklahoma Association of Municipal Attorney, the Great Plains Improvement Foundation, Hospice of Southwest Oklahoma, Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra

and HELPLINE. He served as a Commissioner of the Lawton Housing Authority and was a member of Oklahoma Chapter and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officers (NAHRO) and served as Vice-President for Commissioners for the Oklahoma Chapter of NAHRO. He was selected in 2007 as Commissioner of the Year of Oklahoma Chapter NAHRO. He was a parishioner with Holy Family Church, the Parish Council and served the Parish in several lay ministries. Cruz was an avid fisherman, a decent gardener, and a savvy poker player. He especially enjoyed spending time with all his grandchildren and was very active in the Lawton Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary; two sons and daughters-in-law, Felix and Lisa Cruz and their children, Marissa, Jason and Caroline, all of Norman, Oklahoma and Robert and Leesa Cruz and their children, Genevieve, Veronica and Felicia and Madelyn, all of Palmdale, California; his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Mike Mitchell and their children, Rowdy and Luke, all of Cache, Oklahoma, and; three sisters in Guam, Rita Okada, Maria Belanger and Pilar Lujan. He was predeceased by his parents, Jose and Josefa Cruz and his brothers, Ben, Francisco, Vicente, Juan and Jose.



ROBERT M. DIXON, SR. – Died Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at his home in Syracuse, New York at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was a life resident of Syracuse and was presently employed by National Grid as a security guard. Mr. Dixon was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Central New York Chapter #103**. He also was a past member of the Lakeside Fire Department and presently a member of the Special Deputy Unit. He was predeceased by his brothers, Gary and Michael Dixon. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Kathryn; daughter, Katrina Dixon; sons, Scott Dixon, Robert (Tiffany) Dixon, Jr. and Michael Dixon all of Syracuse; sisters, Sharon (Klaus) Biederman of Bridgeport, Linda Northrup of Rome, Barbara (Paul) Grad of PA, Nancy Modugno and Patricia (James) Collins both of Syracuse; brothers, William Dixon of Syracuse and Timothy (Alice) Dixon of Constantia; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Saturday 8:15 a.m. at Pirro & Sons Funeral Home and 9 a.m. in St. Cecilia's Church. Burial will follow in Constantia Center Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, 1500 Park St. Contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Central New York Chapter# 103, P.O. Box 675, Liverpool, NY 13088. Condolences may be offered at www.pirroandsonsfuneralhome.com



DAVID ARLAND ELVANDER - Died Thursday, August 26, 2010, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a resident of Davidsonville, Maryland and was 69 years of age. He had pancreatic cancer. David was born in Sandwich, Massachusetts on November 14, 1940 to late Edward and Marjorie (Decker) Elvander. He served two tours in Vietnam, one with the United States Army and one with the United States Merchant Marines. A graduate of the MEBA Marine Engineering School in Baltimore, for many years he was the chief engineer at DAV Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. A life member of the DAV and 21-year member of the American Legion, he was also very active in the

reconstruction activities of the USS Constellation. His grandfather, John Elvander, was a member of the crew of that ship. David celebrated his retirement by taking a four-month world cruise with his life partner of 41 years, Martin Keithline. Besides Martin, of Davidsonville, David is survived by two brothers: George of Sandwich, and Robert of Laurel, Md.; and four sisters: Jean Reardon of Watertown, Conn.; Louise Bruce of Buzzards Bay; Judy Ghoslin of Rio Rancho, N.M.; Mary Spencer of Penn Yan, N.Y. and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from noon until time of services at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, at the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 154 Route 6A, Sandwich. Burial will follow in Sandwich Town Cemetery. Donations in his name may be made to the DAV or a military support group of your choice or the Historic Ships in Baltimore, Pier 1, 301 East Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3110 Attn: Constellation Contributions.

OWEN W. "Mickey" EMERY, JR. - Died Sunday, November 7, 2010 at Milford Regional Medical Center in Milford, Massachusetts at the age of 64. He was a resident of Bellingham, Massachusetts. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth A.B. "Liz" Emery for 18 years. He was born in Milford on October 29, 1946, he was the son of Owen W. Sr. and Nancy (Haughey) Emery of Franklin. A resident of Bellingham for the past 10 years, Mickey grew up in Franklin, graduated from Franklin High School in 1965 and later graduated from Dean College in 1981. Mickey proudly served in the United States Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist 4. He received the National Defense Service Medal, two Overseas Bars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars. Before retiring due to illness, Mickey worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years. He also always worked for his father in the family business at the Bo Peep Market in Millis. Mickey was an active member of the Bellingham VFW Post #7272 and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Smithfield (Rhode Island) Chapter #818**. He was a charter member and 1st Commander of the D.A.V. Chap. #5 in Wrentham, a member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks #2136, the American Legion Post # 75 in Franklin and was a member and past president of the Franklin Lions Club. Mickey was also a member of the NRA and was a certified firearms instructor and was also an avid pool player. Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by three children, Jerri Lucia Wilson of Colorado Springs, CO, Timothy Buskirk and his wife Selina of Douglas and Caroline Buskirk of Bellingham and eight grandchildren, Sarah, Tyler, Kayleigh, Lyndsey, Kellsey, Erin, Travis and Jeremiah. He is also survived by his sister Denise DeLucia and her husband Jack of Attleboro, two nephews John and Jeffrey, a niece Kami and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral on Friday, November 12 from the Ginley Funeral Home of Franklin, 131 Main St. at 9:15 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Franklin at 10 a.m. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 3 – 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mickey's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chap. #818 c/o Fr. Phil Salois, 101 Walker St. Apt. B5, Newtonville, MA 02460-1536.

GERALD I. ERICKSON – Died Thursday, October 28, 2010 in Bozeman, Montana at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Seattle, Washington on November 2, 1936. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Henderson Erickson, of the home. He served in the United States

Navy during the Vietnam War from July 9, 1967 to July 6, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Belgrade Chapter #788**.

MARK D. FINLEY – Died Monday, October 18, 2010 in Centralia, Illinois at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 9, 1950. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**.

RODNEY EDGAR FITZGERALD - Died Saturday, October 2, 2010 at his home in Ehrhardt, South Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 8, 1948, in Bamberg to the late Francis Robert Fitzgerald and the late Mildred Carter Fitzgerald. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**. Memorial services were held Wednesday, October 13, 2010, in the Word of Life Pentecostal Holiness Church in Ehrhardt.

ROBERT THOMAS “Coach Bob” FRANZEN - Died Thursday, May 27, 2010 in Mount Juliet, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois and recently retired from a long and fruitful life. Robert loved fishing and coaching sports and was an avid memorabilia collector. He attended St. Stephens Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Robert was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. Mr. Franzen was the son of the late, Albert and Elizabeth Raetz Franzen. He is survived by: Sons - Eric (Pamela) Franzen, Marcus (Michelle) Franzen and Pat (Suzanne) Franzen; Sister - Betty Morgan; Grandchildren - Alicia, Amanda, Matthew, Megan, Allie, Payten, Cayden, and Gavin; Great-grandchild - Anna Marie. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will be at a later date at Nashville National Cemetery. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the residents and staff of the Del Webb Residential Community for all of their concern and support. The family requests that memorials be sent to 127 Navy Circle, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Any memorials received will be donated in memory of Robert Franzen. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time Saturday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

RICHARD LYNN GERKE - Died Thursday, October 7, 2010 at home in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan on August 16, 1946 to Kenneth and Lorraine (Pierce) Gerke. He moved to Franklin from Tallahassee, Florida in 2007 at the time of his retirement. A retired highway safety manager with the USDAO Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, he was a graduate of Western Michigan University with BS and MPA degrees. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam with the United States Navy's Amphibious Forces as a Gunner's Mate Petty Officer and was a member of the Mobile River Forces Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was a life member of the DAV and belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church. He had been past president of the Paw Paw, Michigan Kiwanis Club and is a current member in Franklin. On May 22, 1987 in Yardley, Pennsylvania, he married the former

Mary Lou Richmond, who survives. Also surviving are his mother, Lorraine Gerke; two stepsons, Timothy (Ruby) Conway of San Antonio, Texas and Richard (Judith) Conway of Decatur, Michigan and six grandchildren; a sister, Nedra Gerke Collins, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a brother, David Gerke, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his Father Kenneth in 1991. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 13 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 542 St. John's Church Road, Franklin. The Reverend Debra Rice will officiate. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be directed to St. John's Episcopal Church Discretionary Fund. Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

SELDON E. HALL - Died on October 17, 2010 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 15, 1938 in Helechawa, Kentucky to John T. and Goldia (Nickell) Hall. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 22, 2010 at Ft Sill National Cemetery with Chaplain John Spray, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 751, officiating. Burial will be with Full Military Honors. Viewing is scheduled for Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Home. Seldon was raised and attended school in Kentucky. He left school after the 8th grade to help on the family farm. Seldon enlisted in the Army in 1960. He was stationed in Germany from 1960-1964, and on February 17, 1962 he married Ingeborg Bellin. Seldon remained in the army until his retirement as a Master Sergeant in 1987. He served in excess of 14 years overseas in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. His decorations included the Soldier's Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal W/2 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal W/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal W/3 Bronze Conduct Knots, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal W/2 Bronze Campaign Stars, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon-4, Army Service Ribbon, Four Army Overseas Service Ribbons, and numerous additional awards, commendations, and achievements. Seldon's service included more than 21 years as an instructor and drill sergeant, even working in time to take some college courses. After his retirement, Seldon joined the Mason's and the American Legion. He enjoyed doing woodwork, gardening, participating in the Lawton Arts and Crafts Show, collecting knives, visiting daily with his breakfast group at Whataburger, meeting strangers and checking on friends at WalMart, and attending going away and returning ceremonies at Fort Sill as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Seldon loved people (especially children), never met a stranger, and could always be depended on to support any group that helped people. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 43 years Ingeborg, brother, Rufus Hall, and sisters, Ethel Moore, Marie Richardson and Betty King. Survivors include 2 daughters, Jutta Hall and Claudia Beck and husband Tom, all of Oklahoma City; a son, Ralph Hall of Dayton, OH; 2 grandsons, Alex and Alan Hall, both of Dayton; 4 sisters, Elsie Combs, Oneda Nichols, Sue Chaney, and Jessie Buschor, all of Dayton; brothers ET Hall and wife Rosa of Ezel, KY, and Odell Hall of Battle Creek, MI; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many, many friends and acquaintances.

CHARLES H. HAXTON – Died recently in 2010 in Independence, Missouri at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 23, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.

JOHN LLOYD HIGGINS, JR. – Died Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in Roanoke, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack and complications from Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Roanoke in 1943. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam-era from 1963 to 1967 with tours of duty in England and Thule AFB in Greenland. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atmore Chapter #190**. Graveside service was conducted at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 16, 2010 from the Antioch Christian Church Cemetery. Quattlebaum Funeral Home was in charge.

TERRY WAYNE HUBBS - Died on Friday, July 9, 2010 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 17, 1947 in Knoxville Tennessee, the only son of the late Elmer and Lorene Graves Hubbs. Terry served his country in Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. He loved spending time on the beach and grilling out. He will be remembered for his entertaining and unique sense of humor, but most of all for his 'Terryisms'. Terry is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ferol Stacks Hubbs; his beloved daughters, Christy Portwood (Doug) and Priscilla Ciliege (Michael); two sister's Martha Faye Hall (Harry) and Karen Sue Golden (Edward); three grandchildren, Dalton, Braxton and Wesley; and many other family and friends who will miss him. The family will receive friends at Watson Funeral Services from 10:00 am until Funeral Services at 12:00 Noon Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Military Honors will follow. Memorials may be sent to Disabled American Veterans, 3725 Alexandria Pike Cold Spring, Kentucky. 41076. Please sign a guestbook at watsonfuneralservices.com. Watson Funeral Services and Crematory, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, South Carolina is serving the family.



EDWARD S. JONES – Died Sunday, October 24, 2010 in North Olmsted, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 13, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the beloved husband of 38 years to Randi (née Dansberg); loving father of Brian (Laurie) and Scott (Denise); cherished grandfather of Casey, Jacob, Tyler, Avery, Mason and Maddox; brother-in-law of Susan Tarr (Arthur) and Terry Dansberg (Cookie); uncle to Daniel Dansberg and family and Diana Yacapraro and family; nephew to Violet McCarthy and family. He was a proud United States Air Force Veteran, Vietnam-era, member of the VFW, the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**. Services will be held 9:30 A.M. Thursday, October 28th at John Knox Church, 25200 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Interment with full military honors was conducted at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Friends may call in the Chapel at Sunset Memorial Park, 6245 Columbia Road, from 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM Wednesday. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Moll Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital, 18200 Lorain Ave., Cleveland 44111 or to John Knox Youth,

c/o the church. Arrangements were by Dostal Funeral Services at www.dostalfuneralservices.com.

DENNIS W. KLOUZEK - Died suddenly on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at home in Fruita, Colorado at the age of 60. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 25, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Andrea (Gleiber) Klouzek; dear son of Arlyne (née Kretschman) Klouzek and the late Ralph Klouzek; dear father of Dr. Christopher Klouzek, MD and Matthew Klouzek; dear grandfather of Kyra and Kaleigh Klouzek; dear brother of Ken and Jean (née Schaeffer) Klouzek; dear uncle of Tracy Kueser (Bob), Jim and Anne (née Handler) Klouzek and Jenny Klouzek; dear nephew of Joyce (Gus) Frenzel, Charles and Janelle Kretschman, and the late William Klouzek and Melvin Kretschman, cousin and friend to many. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**. Mr. Klouzek retired from the VA after 30 years and was very active in the NRA. Services: Memorial Service at St. Lucas UCC, 11735 Denny Road, Friday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Lucas UCC or the American Heart Association.

CURTIS E. LITTEN - Died Friday, October 29, 2010 at Canton Nursing Center in Canton, Georgia at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 4, 1952. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and retired at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Tuesday November 2, at Macedonia Methodist Church with Rev. Sam Newman officiating. Interment will follow at 1:00 P.M. at Georgia National Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Monday November 1, from 4-8 P.M. Survivors include Wife, Mary Ann Litten, Canton, GA; Mother, Ruth Alice Litten, Collin, MS; Daughter and Son-in-law, Amy & Steven Ordahl, Alpharetta, GA; Brothers, Earl Litten, Grenada, MS; Ralph Litten, Jr., Petal, MS; Sisters, Fredonia Ocel, Hattiesburg, MS; Mary Westmoreland, Ocean Springs, MS; 2 Grandchildren, Jackson Elias Ordahl, Walter Nolan Ordahl, Alpharetta. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Disable American Veterans. The caring staff of Darby Huey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH EARL SARGE LOTT - 65, of Topeka, Died Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at his home in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 26, 1945 in Owensboro, Kentucky, the son of Daniel G. and Sallie A. Davis Lott. He has resided in Topeka since 2006. He was a 23-year career Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. Ken was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**, Philip-Billard Post No. 1650, VFW, Capitol Post No. 1 of the American Legion and Aerie No. 4319 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Survivors include his companion, Diana Campbell of the home, two sons, Marty and Dena Lott, Jean-Paul and Diane Lott, both of Chapman, six grandchildren, one brother, Henry Eugene and Anne Lott and one sister, Wilma Lott, both of Owensboro, KY. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Southeast Chapel where military honors will be provided by a burial detail from Fort Riley, Kansas. Private inurnment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Topeka

Local Chapter No. 604 of the Vietnam Veterans of America c/o Penwell-Gabel Southeast Chapel, 2843 S.E. Minnesota Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66605.

RALPH D. McCLOUD – Died recently in 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 27, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.

WILLIAM McKINNEY - Died Thursday, November 11, 2010, at the DuBois Nursing Home after a brief illness. He was 65 years of age and a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 20, 1945, in Westville, Pennsylvania to the late William and Effie Wolf McKinney. On Aug. 24, 1968, in the Brockway Methodist Church, he married Nancy E. Brown, who survives. He was a lifelong resident of the area and attended Brockway schools. He was a retired employee of National Fuel Gas, retiring in 2000 after 32 years of service. He was a Methodist by faith, was a former member of the St. Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War (October 1966 – November 1967), a member of the American Legion and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Umstead and her husband, Corey, of St. Marys; two sons, Patrick W. McKinney and his wife, Collette, of Ridgway, and Daniel S. McKinney of St. Marys; five grandchildren, Derek, Brady, Joshua and Gracie McKinney, and Rachel Snyder, and two step-grandchildren, Christian and Alyssa Umstead; a sister, Betty Askey of Westville; a sister-in-law, Dorothy McKinney of Kersey; and by several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, George McKinney. Funeral services for William McKinney will be held in the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Center Street on Saturday at 9:30 a.m., with the Rev. Jesse Ledbetter, pastor of the AGAPE' Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will follow in the Morningside Cemetery in DuBois. Full military rites will be accorded by the St. Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. Visitation is at the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home this evening from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials, if desired, can be made to the DuBois Nursing Home, 200 S. 8th St., DuBois, PA 15801, or to a favorite charity.



ALBERT MENELEE, JR. – Died Friday, May 15, 2009 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1942. He was the beloved father to Da'Nitha Menefee Maddox; son of Albert Menefee II and Jerelene Holley Menefee; brother of Linda Myree; grandfather to Cherise Carson, Branden Menefee, Tiwan Speakes, Jr. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niagara Falls Chapter #681**. Friends to be received Friday 11:00 AM, funeral to follow at 12:00 Noon at Macedonia Baptist Church, 237 E. North St. Arrangements were by Brian K. Lewis Funeral Home.

FREDERICK S. MILLER – Died Friday, November 20, 2009 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 62. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born May 26,

1947. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter 458**.

WILLIE MITCHELL – Died Wednesday, December 1, 2010 in Perryville, Maryland at the age of 63. He was formerly from Hazlet, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 9, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth (New Jersey) Chapter #779**.

WILLIE DON MOORE - Died Friday, November 5, 2010 in Dunlap, Tennessee at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 14, 1948 in Sequatchie County, Tennessee. He was a member of Ewtonville Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army, 25th infantry division in Vietnam, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He worked for the Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company until its closing, and then retired from Vulcan Materials in Chattanooga. Don is preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Jo Ellen Layne Moore and special great-niece, Brook Christian. Survivors include his wife, Leann Austin Moore; son, Donnie Moore; daughter, Carrie (Jeff) Johnson; grand-daughter, Shayla Johnson; brothers, Wayne (Donna) Moore and Mike (Kathleen) Moore, all of Dunlap; sister, Linda (Evon) Smith of Soddy-Daisy; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm CST Monday, November 8, 2010 in the Ewton Funeral Home Chapel conducted by Bro. Larry Dishman and the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 203. Burial was in Sequatchie County Memorial Gardens. Visitation hours were 3–9 PM on Sunday. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Sequatchie County Veterans Memorial Wall project, Sequatchie County Cancer Support Network, Gideons International, or a charity of your choice.

HELEN MORSE – Died recently in 2010 in Salina, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chouteau Chapter #877**.

PAUL R. MURRAY - Died Thursday, April 15, 2010 in Valrico, Florida at the age of 60 after a lengthy illness. He was formerly from Falmouth, Massachusetts and Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was born and raised in Dorchester on January 28, 1950 to the late William T. and Marguerite A. (Rogers) Murray. He attended local schools and graduated from Don Bosco High School, Class of 1968. He was also a student in the early Fire Science Program of the Community College System. After his graduation, Paul enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served from 1968 to 1970. On July 26, 1972 he was appointed to the Boston Fire Department and assigned to Engine Company 56 in East Boston. He later transferred to Engine 53 in Roslindale, where he remained until his retirement. After retiring from the Boston Fire Department, he served with the Otis Fire Department (Coast Guard) at the Otis ANGB on the Mass. Military Reservation on Cape Cod. Paul was a proud member of the Boston Fire Department Local 718, Boston Fire Brigade, Death and Welfare, Gaelic Fire Brigade, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #338**. He spent his summers with his family in Wellfleet and cherished those memories throughout his life. Paul is survived by his wife, Jean (Rankin) Murray of Falmouth and Valrico, FL; four daughters, Tracy Murray of Forestdale, Erin Gusciora and her husband,

Timothy of Plymouth, Lynn Fernandez and her husband, Stephen of Coventry, RI and Keri Varao and her husband, John of Sandwich; nine grandchildren, Ava Murray, Ryan, Cameron and Tyler Gusciora, Michael, Christopher and Meghan Fernandez, and John Jr. and Jillian Varao. He is also survived by his brother, William Murray and his wife, Mary of Hyde Park; sisters, Joan LaTona and her husband, Peter of Wellesley and Marguerite Gomes and her husband, Dan of Whitesville, Texas and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his family, Paul will be remembered by many lifelong friends from his career in the Fire Service. Visiting hours will be held from 2 to 6 pm on Sunday, April 25, 2010 in the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 40 MacArthur Blvd. in Bourne. Please meet at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 67 East Falmouth Hwy. in East Falmouth for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10 am on Monday, April 26, 2010. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 02852. www.nickersonbournefuneralhome.com



ROBERT A. NEILL, JR. - 61 of Mount Joy Died at Lancaster General Hospital on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the age of 61. He was a resident of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 15, 1949 to the late Robert A. Sr., and Betty Jean Hallman Neill. His wife, Evelyn H. Davis Neill died in 1997.

Robert was a graduate of Central Dauphin High School and later served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He earned the rank of Corporal and was decorated for his service. A Civil Service retiree, he worked for Defense Logistics Agency in New Cumberland. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. A dedicated volunteer, Bob donated time to the Mount Joy Gift and Thrift Shop, Water Street Rescue Mission and St. Mark's United Methodist Church where he attended Sunday services. He enjoyed fishing and hunting as a young man and later, working on muscle car restoration projects with friends. Three children, Nicole M. Neill, companion of Doral Moon, Robert Neill both of Harrisburg and Eva Lynn Jackson of Halifax, and nine grandchildren survive him. Also surviving are three sisters, Roberta Neill of Mount Joy; Sandra (Fred) Stoneroad of Elizabethville, Mary (Carl) Zeiders of Dauphin, and a brother Fred (Karen) Neill of Harrisburg. A Memorial Service for family and friends honoring Robert's life will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 37 East Main Street, (Please use the rear entrance) Mount Joy on Friday, November 12, 2010 at 2 PM. The Neill Family will receive family and friends immediately following the Memorial Service in Fellowship Hall. A second Visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 from 12 to 2 PM at Zimmerman-Auer Funeral Home, Inc., 4100 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg PA. Interment was in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville at 3 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's UM Church, 37 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. Mount Joy. On line condolences may be directed to sheetzfuneralhome.com www.pennlive.com/obits

NEAL NORMAN NORTH - Died Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 67. He was a resident of Ponca City. The cause of death is unknown. Neal was born on Tuesday, November 11, 1942 to the late Norman H. North and the late Ona (Cales) North in Longview, Washington. Neal graduated from Ponca City High School in 1960. He then obtained his B.S. Degree in Banking and Finance from Oklahoma State University where he was active in the Lambda Chi fraternity. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from June, 1967 to June 1968 as a Captain in the Medical Service Corps. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars and Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar. Upon return to the United States, he joined the Army Reserve and served his country until 1979. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Neal married Becky (Pouland) North on May 27, 1983 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He was involved in farming and ranching in his early years with his father. Neal then worked as an independent insurance agent. Neal enjoyed fishing, traveling, genealogy, spending time with his family, Oklahoma Sooner athletics and Arkansas Razorback athletics. He was an avid hunter as a young man. He is survived by his wife Becky of the home; daughter, Audra North Brown and husband Duane of Oklahoma City, OK; son, Grant Pouland and wife Melanie of Ponca City, OK; daughter Lynn Pouland Swenson and husband Chris of Ponca City, OK. Grandchildren are Britt and Madison Brown of Oklahoma City, OK; Garrett and Karsen Pouland of Ponca City, OK; and Jacob, Jack, and Jimmy Swenson of Ponca City, OK. Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Ona North. Casket bearers will be Grant Pouland, Duane Brown, Chris Swenson, Stewart Cales, Justin Cales, and Chuck Webb. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the 1st Lutheran Church with Rev. Tom Ramsey, officiating. Burial will then follow at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Ponca City, OK. Arrangements are under the direction of Trout Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will greet friends at Trout Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Ponca City Humane Society, PO Box 1671, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74602.

THOMAS ANDREW ORCHARD - Died Friday, October 1, 2010 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1949 to the late Mary and Paul Orchard. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn; children: Kimberly (Chad) Eccles, Keely Orchard, and Daniel Orchard; favorite granddaughter, Jessica Eccles; siblings: Marilyn Orchard, SSND, Carol (Jim) Truax, Ron (Jodi), Richard (Susan), Robert (Karon), Joni (Wayne) Finnegan, and Mike (Deb); mother and father-in-law: James & Terry Bertz; brothers-in-law: James (Lana) and Jeff (Jennifer) Bertz; also by many loving nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends including Tucker. Tom proudly served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam and retired from the US Postal Service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. He most recently was driving a special-needs school bus in SSP. Tom will be missed by all who knew and loved him. A Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30am Wednesday was celebrated at St John Vianney Catholic Church (789 17th Ave N) in South Saint Paul. Visitation was from 5-8pm Tuesday at Church. Interment was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. White Funeral Home Apple Valley 952 432 2001 www.whitefuneralhomes.com

HERIBERTO ORTIZ-TIRADO – Died Monday, September 11, 2006 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Puerto Rico on March 16, 1931. He

was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Juan Chapter #59**.

BYRD D. PATTERSON, JR. - 62, of Roanoke, Va., Died Sunday, November 28, 2010 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1948. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**. Per Mr. Patterson's request there will be no service. Memorial contributions may be made to DAV Chapter 3, P.O. Box 1064, Roanoke, Virginia, 24005.

GEORGE FRANCIS POROD - Died surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan at the age of 75. He was a resident of Menominee, Michigan. The cause of death was chronic kidney and pulmonary disease. George was born on December 12, 1934, in Menominee, to the late John and Stephanie (Paliowski) Porod. George proudly served his country in the United States Army for over 20 years, serving one tour of duty in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War with the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. A number of George's military accomplishments were mentioned in two different book publications. George was a member of the 20 Year Military Club in Menominee for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Menominee Chapter #399**. He was an ROTC instructor in Ann Arbor, Mich. and also was an auxiliary police officer for the Flint Police Dept. After moving to Menominee, George worked in security at the Waupaca Foundry during 1973-74. He joined the Menominee Sheriff's Department in 1974 as a deputy sheriff, retiring after 15 years of service. George was an avid hunter and outdoor's person. He had a garden every year and was pleased to give all of his vegetables to family and friends. His interests included photography, woodworking and anything that needed a talent for art. George enjoyed spending time at Camp 10 Point with his hunting buddies. A kind and loving man, George's greatest joy came from the closeness of his family. George is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Porod of Menominee, Michigan; one daughter, Debbie (Marty) Wellner of Ingalls, Michigan; two sons: George J. (Becky) Porod of Marinette, Wisconsin. and James Porod of Green Bay, Wisconsin; four grandchildren including: Jason (Kristin) Wellner, Jessica Wellner, George (Stephanie) Porod III and Benjamin Porod; two great-grandchildren: Jamesen Wellner and Zachary Porod; three sisters, one brother and step-brothers and step-sisters. Along with his parents, two brothers preceded him in death. Friends may call at the Cadieu-Thielen Funeral Home on Sunday, October 31, 2010, from 1 until 4 p.m. Military honors will be conducted by the 20 Year Club at 4 p.m. A celebration of George's life will continue after military services at the VFW Hall in Menominee. A memorial fund has been established in George's name.



RUDDY RAYNER REILLY – Died Thursday, September 9, 2010 in Cascade, Montana at the age of 79. The cause of death was lung and spinal cancer. Ruddy was born February 6, 1931, in Livingston, Montana, and was raised there. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry B. and Alpha Reilly. He was a retired Montana Veterans Affairs Division Service officer and retired United States Army veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Helena Chapter #626. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Croxford Funeral Home. His memorial service is 10 a.m. Monday at Croxford, with burial at a later date at Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Fort Harrison. He is survived by his wife, Diana Reilly of Cascade; daughters Frances Reilly of Colonial Beach, Va., and Cynthia (Ajit) Sil of Westlake, Ohio, and their children Aron and Amy Sil of Westlake; sons Eugene Nisbet of Great Falls and David Brown of Washington; a sister, Kay Reilly of Big Timber; and grandchildren, Derek Nisbet of Dillon, and Talesha Rate of Great Falls. He completed high school and went on to numerous military schools. In 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and retired after 21 years, in 1968. He served in Korea, Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, and received the Purple Heart for wounds in Vietnam. He then retired after 40 years of service to all veterans on July 1, 2008, with the Montana Veterans Affairs Division. In 1955, Ruddy married Florence Lozon and they later divorced. He then married Diana Nisbet in Great Falls in 1984, and they were married 26 years until his death. Ruddy was a member of the Masons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, and was a past department commander of the American Legion of Montana. Memorials are suggested to The American Legion of Montana Endowment Fund. Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries.

DANNY ROBERT REYNOLDS – Died Saturday, November 27, 2010 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 63. The cause of death was emphysema. He was born February 22, 1947 in Franklin. He served in the United States Army from 9 September 1968 to 8 September 1970 with a year's tour of duty from 28 January 1969 to 27 January 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.

DAVID GEORGE RIVAS – Died Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Yorba Linda, California at the age of 62. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Fullerton, California on December 31, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Helen Rivas, of the home. He served in the United States Army from October 1966 to October 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1968 to October 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange County Chapter #785**.

WILLIE H. ROBINSON – Died recently in 2010 in Hackensack, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 19, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.



RUDOLPH M. ROBLES, JR. - Lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer on Monday, December 13, 2010 at the age of 65. He worked as a Steel Fabricator for 30 years and is a proud Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Maggie, daughters Trisha (Mark Morin), Lori (Marco) Zuniga, sons John, Rudy (Debbie) Robles, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Visitation begins at 1pm to 9 pm on Monday, December 20, 2010, with a rosary to be recited at 7pm at Castillo Funeral Home, 520 N. Gen McMullen Dr. We will depart at 9:30 am on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, for a 10am mass at St. James Catholic Church, 907 W. Theo Ave. Interment will follow at

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and/or gifts it is the family's wishes donation be made to www.firstgiving.com/rudolphroblesjr in his memory.

CHARLES LOUIS SABERTON – Died Thursday, October 28, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 89. He was formerly of San Diego, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 5, 1921 in Evansville, Indiana. He served in the United States Army during World War II, Korea and Vietnam (1962). He was exposed to Agent Orange during his tour in Vietnam. He retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**.



CHARLES ROBERT SALEMANN - Died Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Lockport, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on August 6, 1949. He was the beloved brother of Evelyn (Thomas) Seiler, Betty (James) Walk and Richard Salemann; also survived by nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army from April 18, 1969 to December 8, 1970 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam with the A/228th, 1st Cavalry Division from January 1970 to December 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Family will be present Friday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at Urban-Amigone Funeral Home, 3645 Genesee St, Cheektowaga, where prayers will be offered Saturday at 10:00 AM followed by a funeral service at 11:00 AM at Pendleton Center United Methodist Church, Campbell at Bear Ridge Roads. Contributions may be made to Camp Good Days & Special Times. Share condolences at www.AMIGONE.com.

MICHAEL J. SALERNO - Died Monday, October 18, 2010 in Elmont, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 17, 1942. He was a proud Vietnam veteran of the 101st Airborne Unit, United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen; devoted father of Christine, Kelly Anne, Stacey Marie, & Kathryn Lee; also survived by 1 sister and 7 grandchildren. Arrangements were by the Krauss Funeral Home, Inc., 1097 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square. The Funeral Mass was Friday 9:30 AM at Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, Elmont. The interment was at Saint Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York.

DAVID JAMES SCOFIELD - Died Friday May 14, 2010 at his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin following a three-year battle with leukemia. He was 61 years of age. He was born in Oshkosh on June 25, 1948 son of James G. and Grace G. Mingus Scofield. David proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, being severely wounded in the process. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**; a member of Disabled American Veterans Post 17; an avid member of both Whitetails Unlimited and the Otter Street Fishing Club. He is survived by his life partner, Patty Bonneau of Oshkosh; son Justin (Christina) Scofield of Monona, WI; daughter, Claudine Bonneau of Oshkosh; brothers, James (Karen) Scofield of Oshkosh, Thomas (Julie) Scofield of Oshkosh, Robert (Joanne) Mingus of Taylor, WI; sisters, Cynthia (Dan) Schmidt of Pine River, WI, and

Barbara Sales of Oshkosh; step-brothers, Ken (Mary) Sperling of Oshkosh and Ron (Carol) Sperling of Bonita Springs, FL; step-father, Fred Sperling of Oshkosh; his precious granddaughter, Lilianna Scofield of Monona, WI; and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and a brother, Robert "Tootie" Scofield, preceded him in death. Those who knew him will remember him as a loving partner, father, and friend with a zest for life matched by few. He wanted the best for all those around him. In life he was the first to offer his help and the last to ask for it. David had an overwhelming passion for everything he did. As an avid hunter, fisherman, and traveler, he always enjoyed time spent in the company of good friends and family. He also had a great fondness for his many adventures to Canada and Jamaica. He touched the lives of so many along the way on his journey in life and brought so much joy to all those he knew. He taught all of us what was truly important in life. We will honor and cherish his memory always and feel blessed to have known him. He was well loved and will be dearly missed. In compliance with David's wishes he will be cremated and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. Anyone caring to do so may give memorial contributions to the Oshkosh Area Humane Society; Fields of Honor Military Veterans Museum; or to Affinity Hospice in David's honor. David's family wishes to express the most heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Karen Gremminger and the staff at the Michael D. Wachtel Cancer Center, and to Affinity Hospice for the care and concern given David.

JACQUELINE S. SEITZ – Died Wednesday, December 23, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 30. The cause of death is unknown. She was born November 6, 1979. She was a 1993 graduate of St. Clare Catholic School, 1997 graduate of Eastern Tech High School, devoted daughter of Joseph and Lynda Seitz; dear sister of Matthew J. Seitz and his wife Brittany; loving niece of Margaret and Thomas Jones and Rosalie and Larry Wilson, dear cousin of Michael and John O'Hara and Brian and Kevin Wilson. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. A Catholic Prayer service will be held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, 300 Mace Avenue on Monday at 11:00 A.M. Visiting hours on Sunday 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M. Interment Oak Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contribution may be made to The Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21211.

DONALD EDWARD SOMKOVIC – Died Saturday, May 20, 2010 in Blue Island, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 27, 1943. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was the beloved husband of Joanne nee Tomaska; loving Father of Michelle; caring Brother of Pat (Tom) Lamoureux and Phyllis Pusateri; fond Uncle to many; dear Son of the late Ann (Frank) Mershon and Edward (Alice) Somkovic. He retired from the Hines VA Hospital. He was a member of the Disabled American Vets IL – Chapter #55, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Blue Island Chapter #153**, AMVETS IL – Post #192 and American Legion Post #615. Visitation Wednesday, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.; Service 10:00 a.m. at Hallinan Funeral Home 2601 Vermont, Blue Island, IL; Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers please make donations to: either the American Lung or the American Heart Association.

RODNEY DAVID STEINRUCK - Died Sunday, September 19, 2010 in his residence in Aberdeen, North Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 9, 1949

in Johnson City, New York to the late Dorothy Mae Powers and David Lee Steinruck. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nonita; four sisters, Nancy, Dixie, Jeaneta and Corinne, and; five nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother, Roger Steinruck. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and retired after 20 years of service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raeford Chapter #1033**. A Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Pinehurst. Rite of Committal will follow at 2 p.m. at State Veterans Cemetery, 310 Murchison Rd., Spring Lake, North Carolina. Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is assisting the family.

DANIEL J. STELZER – Died Thursday, December 2, 2010 in Bowie, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 30, 1941. Beloved husband of Deanna Stelzer; loving father of Wendy Stelzer and Richard Stelzer; brother of Robert Stelzer and the late Diane Shenkman; grandfather of Jonathan Stelzer. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. A Funeral Service will be held at the family-owned Beall Funeral Home, 6512 NW Crain Hwy. (Rte. 3 South), Bowie, MD on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. Interment, Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi, MD. If desired, contributions may be made to Temple Beth Shalom, 1461 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Arnold, MD 21012 or to The Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Association Inc., 11900 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, MD 20769.

EDWARD RANDALL “Ed” STOUT - Died Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in Austin, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death was murder. He was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas on December 4, 1942. Edward served in the United States Air Force from April 26, 1966 to April 24, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from April 1969 to April 1970 and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was actively involved in the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans (TAVV). He would ensure that every veteran at the Temple and Kerrville Veteran Hospitals had full bellies of fried turkey and all the fixins every Thanksgiving and Christmas. TAVV will continue this tradition in his stead. If you wish to make a donation to TAVV, PO Box 40036 Austin, TX 78704. During the 1980s, Edward was an Air Traffic Controller at the Jefferson County Airport. He was also instrumental in the start up of the Hill Country Flyer in Austin. Ed was also a active, involved, and committed *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin Chapter #915** and was a member of the Chapter Board of Directors. Edward was a man of honor, courage and heart. He is survived by good friend and ex-wife, Kay; daughters, Angie and Mary Ann; five grandsons, Andrew, Zachary, Russell, Jesse, and Duncan; and his sisters, Tommie and Jackie. Memorial services will be held Thursday, November 4th, at Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman Dr, Austin, TX, 78723-1901. Visitation will be at noon; memorial services will be at 1:00 pm.

DAVID L. STOVER – Died recently in 2010 in Vernon, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 3, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**.

TALBERT R. SWOGER – Died Wednesday, August 4, 2010 in Clinton, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was esophageal and stomach cancer. He was born in Beaver Falls,

Pennsylvania on August 5, 1943. He served in the United States Army from 21 January 1965 to 8 January 1967 with a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**.

FRNK J. TELATKO – Died Sunday, November 21, 2010 in Brunswick, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on June 23, 1937. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, of Medina, Ohio. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**.

GARY LEVI THOMAS - Died Sunday, June 13, 2010 at the Golden Living Center in Omaha, Nebraska, after a brief battle with cancer. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, on September 5, 1939, to Harry Howard Goddard and Mary Jean Thomas. He was a United States Army Vietnam Combat Veteran. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Howard Goddard; brothers, George, Rolland, Orville, Glenn and Robert Goddard; and sister, Joyce Keller. He is survived by his former wife, Wilfriede E. Thomas, of Omaha; son, David L. Thomas; and grandson, Casey David Thomas, of Yankton, S.D.; son, Richard M. and Lauri Thomas, of Eau Claire, Wis., and granddaughter, Becci and Mark Giddings and great granddaughter, Leah Jo, of Wausau, Wis.; son, Jerry D. and Kelli Thomas and granddaughters, Aubrie Christine and Brynn Noel, of Omaha; and son, Mark and Jodi Thomas, of Council Bluffs. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Goddard, of Clinton, Iowa; brother, Donald Goddard, of Stevensville, Mont.; sister, Evelyn and Willard Birge, of Mesa, Ariz.; brother, James Goddard and Jackie Thompson, of Clinton, Iowa; brother, Reverend Paul Goddard, of St. James, Mo.; brother, Lester Goddard, of Odessa, Texas; sister, Irma June and Brad Huebner, of Blue Lake, Ill.; and brother, Vernon Goddard, of Clinton, Iowa. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. A memorial service will be held at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 19, 2010, with Reverend Paul Goddard officiating. The Council Bluffs American Legion Post #2 will conduct the military honors. Memorials should be made to Boys Town, Nebraska.

MARTIN C. VOSS - died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, in Park Ridge, Illinois at the age of 59. He was a resident of Des Plaines, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born February 21, 1950, in Sandwich, Illinois. The visitation for Martin C. Voss, 59, will be from 3 to 9 p.m. with funeral services at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Good News Christian Center, 815 Lee St., Des Plaines. Funeral procession will assemble at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the G. L. Hills Funeral Home, 745 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines, for interment in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Martin served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army, and continued serving his country and community in his volunteer work. He was recognized for his work by the City of Des Plaines in 2007, receiving the Good Neighbor Super Star Award. He was the 9th district commander of the American Legion; commander for the last six years of American Legion Post 36; a member of the V.F.W. Post 2922 of Des Plaines; a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**; and a member of the memorial squad at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Martin loved to fish and dance, and enjoyed life helping others. He will be missed by many. He was the son of the late Donald and Betty;

brother of Mary (Timothy) Hoglund; and uncle of Robin, Matt, Ben, Ellie and Bailey. Arrangements were made by the G. L. Hills Funeral Home, Des Plaines.

GARY B. "Bear" WISE, SR. - Died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at home in Northfield, Massachusetts at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Turners Falls, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1950, son of Sylvia Tenney Wise. Bear was a parts manager at C&S Wholesale Grocers in Hatfield for many years. Bear served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam, from September 1969 until August of 1970. Among his medals and awards, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Achievement Award, R.V.N. Cross of Gallantry, and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. He was honorably discharged on August 27, 1970, after obtaining rank of E-4 Corporal. Bear was active in many organizations which are the Greenfield Lodge of Elks, Marine Corps League-Oak Ridge Detachment, VFW of Northfield, American Legion of Greenfield, N.R.A, Massachusetts Bow Hunters Association and Buckmasters. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He loved hunting and fishing, painting wildlife, taxidermy, wood burning and the habitats of animals and wildlife. Besides his mother, Sylvia Tenney Wise of Sunderland, he leaves two sons, Gary B. Wise Jr. of Orange, and Todd D. Wise of Greenfield; seven grandchildren; a brother, John L. Wise of Vermont, his best friend and companion, Sue Smith of Greenfield; and many nieces and nephews. FUNERAL NOTICE: Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Kostanski Funeral Home, 220 Federal St., Greenfield, with full military honors being observed. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172. Sympathy messages are available at www.kostanskifuneralhome.com.

DAVID LOUIS WOODS - Died Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at the Embracing Hospice of Cumming, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. David was born in Donora, Pennsylvania on January 3, 1943 to Fred and Catherine Woods. After graduation from Bentleyville High School, he went on to attend the Citadel Military College of South Carolina. Mr. Woods served in the United States Army in Vietnam as a reconnaissance pilot, exceeding 1,000 combat missions and was awarded numerous medals including three Distinguished Flying Crosses. After serving his country, Mr. Woods worked in sales and management for 40 years in aerospace and defense, to include the Boeing Apollo-Saturn V Man on the Moon Program. Woods served as International Sales Director for the Singer Link Flight Simulation Division in Binghamton and later served as Corporate Vice President of Business Development for Signal Technology Inc. in Danvers, MA. He was also with Scientific-Atlanta as V.P. of sales in Atlanta, GA from 1989 to early retirement in 1999. Mr. Woods was very active in numerous service organizations including American Legion Post 307, VFW Post 9143 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**, all located in Cumming, GA. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Elaine (Zyskowski) Woods; and his three faithful West Highland White Terriers. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Roseanne Mollen (husband Joseph and nieces Nichole and Christina), Renee Thiman (husband Scott); and his brother-in-law, Edward Zyskowski (wife Anna). He is also survived by his aunt, Edith Weygandt; his cousins, Merlyn and Michael Bost; cousins, Derek and Mayumi Weygandt and their children Mitchell, Bruce and Zena, and his

cousins Eric and Betty Utt Weygandt. Visiting hours will be Monday, November 15th, from 4 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ingram Funeral Home in Cumming, GA. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, November 16th, at 11:30 a.m. Donations may be made to The Citadel Foundation, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, SC 29409. Ingram Funeral Home & Crematory, Cumming, GA is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.ingramfuneralhome.com

RONALD "Big Ron" L. YESKO, SR. - Died Tuesday, November 2, 2010, in the emergency room of Heritage Valley Beaver at the age of 63. He was a resident of New Galilee, Pennsylvania and formerly of Duquesne, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident with death resulting. He was born February 11, 1947, in McKeesport, PA, a son of Julie (Sevich) Yesko of Darlington and the late John Lee Yesko, he was a member of the United States Army having served during Vietnam and was a retired deputy sheriff for Allegheny County. He was a life member of VFW Post 8106, New Galilee, where he served as the service officer and the adjunct for the last 10 years, and was a member of the Beaver Falls American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. His hobbies included motorcycle riding and metal detecting. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 35 years, Freda Miller Yesko; two daughters, Krista Carmichael of Surprise, AZ, and Erica Yesko of Wilmerding; one son, Ron Yesko, Turtle Creek; his mother-in-law, Natalie Thompson, New Galilee; Uncle Bob and Aunt Marion Sevich, Monongahela; Aunt Dorothy Sevich of Darlington, and grandchildren. Friends will be received Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of military service at 11:50 a.m. in the Lutton Chippewa Funeral Home, 117 Blackhawk Road, www.luttonfuneralhome.com, followed by an Orthodox service at noon. Father John Schmidt will officiate. Private interment will follow. Members of the Honor Guard will meet at the funeral home at 11:30 a.m.

DENNIS YOUNGKIN – Died recently in 2010 in Port Saint Lucie, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was formerly from Bangor, Pennsylvania. He was born September 25, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton (Pennsylvania) Chapter #415**.

MICHAEL F. ZARNICK – Died recently in 2010 in Hillsborough, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 9, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Paulette, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**.

**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 PHIL SALOIS, M.S.