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Raffo, Geno	<p>GENO RAFFO, 36, of Lakeland, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 24, 2007, at Baptist Memorial Hospital Memphis. Geno was preceded in death by his mother, Maria Rosa Raffo.</p> <p>He leaves his loving father, Michael Louis Raffo of Lakeland; his beautiful daughter whom he adored, Alexis Rosa Raffo; two sisters, Maria Rosa Gonzales Raffo of Spain and Theresa Raffo of Virginia Beach, VA; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.</p> <p>Geno was raised in Spain, a country he dearly loved, where he graduated from Davis Glasgow Farragut High School. He was an avid soccer player and received a scholarship to Western Wisconsin Technical College in La Crosse, WI.</p> <p>His love of law enforcement led him to the military services, where, in 1990, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He served as a Federal Police Officer and participated in Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>Geno was also a K-9 Handler for the Collierville Police Department for a period of time, and he attended St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett.</p> <p>Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at Collierville Funeral Home, and funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, also at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Forest Hill Irene Road.</p> <p>Source: The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, TN, June 27, 2007, extracted September 26, 2007.</p>
Ramey, Branden Paul	<p>Branden Paul Ramey, 22, of Belvidere died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, while serving his country in Iraq.</p> <p>Branden was born Oct. 6, 1982, in Rockford, the son of Randy Duane Ramey and Pamela Kaye Lightner. He lived all of his life in Belvidere and graduated from Belvidere High School with the Class of 2001.</p> <p>Survivors include his parents, Randy and Sandy Ramey of Madera Ranchos, Calif., and Pamela and Eddie Trevino of Belvidere; fiancée, Stacey Lee of Cherry Valley; brothers, Nicholas Ramey of Madera Ranchos, and Bryce Trevino and Brent Trevino, both of Belvidere; sister, Melissa Ramey of Madera Ranchos; grandparents, Gordon and Betty Ramey of Loves Park, Paul and Joyce Lightner of Anchorage, Alaska, Richard and Janice Gritzmacher of Belvidere, Concepcion Trevino of Belvidere, Arnold and Diane Vance of Salem, Mo., and Kathleen and Cecil Herzing of Mountain Home, Ark.; and great-grandparents, Lela Unglesbee of Newton and Dorothy Fordsmand of California. Predeceased by grandparents, Arthur and Elizabeth Lightner, Donald Fordsmand and Gilbert Trevino; and uncle, Richard Trevino.</p> <p>A memorial service was at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in Belvidere High School gymnasium, with visitation from 4:30 p.m. to service time; the Rev. Don Lyon, pastor of Faith Center, Rockford, will be officiating. Private interment in Belvidere Cemetery. Memorials to the</p> <p>Branden Ramey Memorial Scholarship in care of Blackhawk State Bank.</p>

	<p>Arrangements by Belvidere Funeral Home, 203 Logan Ave. 11-16-4</p> <p>Source: Rockford Register Star, Rockford, IL, Nov. 19, 2005, extracted Sep. 19, 2007</p>
Ramos, Angel Ramon	<p>ARLINGTON - Angel Ramon Ramos, 56, a retired United States Air Force officer, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2007.</p> <p>Funeral Mass: 8:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Visitation: 1 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.</p> <p>Mr. Ramos served as an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy from 1977 to 1982. He also served in Desert Storm. He received his law degree in 1997 from Loyola University in New Orleans.</p> <p>Survivors: Parents, Juan and Dora Ramos of Arlington; sister, Nylia Kreiner (Al); and nephews, Matthew Kreiner and Lance Cpl. David Kreiner.</p> <p>Moore Funeral Home-N. Davis Drive</p> <p>Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX, June 28, 2007, extracted September 26, 2007.</p>
Rancourt, David	<p>LEWISTON, Maine - The Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department is mourning the loss of a member of its dive team.</p> <p>Deputy David Rancourt and other members of the dive team were looking for criminal evidence in the Androscoggin River near the Veteran's Bridge when Rancourt got into trouble Saturday morning, officials said.</p> <p>Emergency medical technicians performed CPR after Rancourt surfaced and signaled that he needed help, but he died at the Central Maine Medical Center, officials said.</p> <p>Rancourt, 40, of Leeds, had retired last week from the Army Reserves, which took him twice to the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm as well as during the latest conflict, said Capt. Raymond LaFrance.</p> <p>Rancourt, who served for five years on the dive team, left behind a wife and an 8-year-old son.</p> <p>Source: Rutland Herald, Rutland, VT, Nov. 6, 2006, extracted August 25, 2007.</p>
Rangel, Jose C.	<p>Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Jose C. Rangel was a friendly, giving and modest individual who enjoyed barbecuing and was known for his tasty salsa, his wife says. "He was a caring person who thought of others before he thought of himself," said Noemi Rangel, his wife of 13 years. "If he had one last dollar, he would spend it on someone else." Her husband was so dedicated to helping others, she said, that when she was giving birth to their first son, she remembers his saying that if he could trade places with her he would so she wouldn't feel the pain.</p> <p>Rangel, 43, of Fresno died of noncombat-related injuries Jan. 23 at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, according to the Department of Defense. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1106th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot in Fresno, where he worked with hazardous materials. Noemi Rangel was told that her husband was jogging for a training drill</p>

	<p>and collapsed after he told someone that he didn't feel well. He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead after attempts to revive him failed.</p> <p>His wife said she has a hard time accepting the notion that he had a heart attack, because he was healthy and his family didn't have a history of heart disease. She is waiting for the autopsy report.</p> <p>On the morning of his death, Rangel called home and spoke to his wife and their three sons: Randy, 11; Michael, 7; and Andrew, 2. He said he was going to eat breakfast, go to church and ship a Valentine's Day package for his family. Noemi Rangel received the package nine days after his death. He had sent T-shirts and toys for the boys and a trinket for her that was metaphorically the key to his heart. "He showed me patience and how to love," his wife said. "He was brave." On the night before he left for Kuwait, she remembers that he was up late reading to and playing with his sons. They all slept together that night. The youngest of 10, Rangel was born in Nayarit, Mexico. His family moved to Ensenada, Mexico, and then to Stockton when he was 13.</p> <p>To honor Rangel's wish of being buried next to his parents at San Joaquin Catholic Cemetery in Stockton, his sisters gave up their reserved burial plots for him and his wife.</p> <p>Source: Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 27, 2005, extracted Sep. 14, 2007</p>
<p>Ransome, Duane Thomas</p>	<p>Duane Thomas Ransome departed this life to enter into eternal rest on Thursday, August 16, 2007.</p> <p>He was the loving father of Brittany Ransome and Elizabeth Ransome. Husband of Kim Griffith Ransome. Son of Elaine Ransome-Dupy and the late Clyde (Tommy) Ransome. Brother of Danielle Ransome-LeCoq-Johnson and brother-in-law of Mike Johnson. Uncle of Jos LeCoq, Jessica LeCoq and Justin Johnson.</p> <p>He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and served in Operation Desert Storm Gulf War.</p> <p>He graduated from Archbishop Rummel High School in 1988. He was a Branch Manager with Gresham and Associates. He received an award for being the youngest underwriter in the state of Louisiana to be successful, presented by Governor Foster. Former resident of Metairie, LA, resident of Covington/Ramsey for the past 4 years.</p> <p>Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass from St. Matthew the Apostle Church, 10021 Jefferson Hwy., River Ridge, LA on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 from the Metairie Funeral Home of Lamana-Panno-Fallo, 1717 Veterans Blvd., at Bonnabel Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Interment will be after Mass in St. Patrick Cemetery.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are preferred to a trust fund set up or his daughters at Metairie Bank.</p> <p>Source: The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, LA, August 19, 2007, extracted September 28, 2007.</p>

<p>Rash, Ronald Lee</p>	<p>BELMONT – Ronald Lee “Butch” Rash, 58, of 1341 Armstrong Road, died September 22, 2006 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.</p> <p>He was born in Gaston Co. son of the late Lefty Rash, and was a contracting supervisor with the North Carolina Air National Guard.</p> <p>He served in the US Air Force from September 1967 - September 1971, and with the North Carolina Air National Guard from August 1982 until present. He served during Vietnam and Desert Storm. Awards and Ribbons he received included the Air Force Accommodation Ribbon, the Air Force Achievement Ribbon, 3 Air Force Outstanding Awards, the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Award, the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon, the Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, the USAF Longevity Service Award, and the NCANG Meritorious Unit Citation.</p> <p>He was a softball player with the NCANG and was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Patricia 'Patsy' Fleming Rash; his mother, Myrtle Cloninger Rash of Maiden; a son, Kenneth 'Kenny' E. Rash and wife, Amy, of Belmont; a daughter, Kathy Tucker and husband, Todd, of Belmont; two brothers, Mike Rash and wife, Sue, of Stanley, and Mark Rash and wife, Shelley, of Denver; a sister, Diane Rayfield and husband, James, of Maiden; three grandchildren, Taylor Ann Rash, Tyler Eugene Rash, and Faith Leeanne Tucker, all of Belmont; a brother-in-law and wife, Tony and Sandy Fleming of Winston-Salem; five nieces; three nephews; and 12 great nieces and nephews.</p> <p>The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Bob Roarke, Bishop Robert Gittens and Rev. Ruby Gittens, will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday in the Woodlawn Chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home in Mt. Holly. Interment with full military honors will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Belmont. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 - 8:30 PM Monday.</p> <p>Source: The Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, NC, Sept. 25, 2006, extracted August 22, 2007.</p>
<p>Rauh, Herbert Paul</p>	<p>RAUH, HERBERT PAUL "HERBIE," 59, of New Port Richey, died Sunday (May 23, 2004) at Morton Plant North Bay Hospital in New Port Richey.</p> <p>Born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., he came here 22 years ago from Clearwater.</p> <p>He was a chief petty officer with the Coast Guard and served in the Vietnam War and Desert Storm.</p> <p>He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Mia; a son, Paul Robert, and a daughter, Anne Carmel Rauh-Mars, all of New Port Richey; two brothers, Charles F., Perryville, Mo., and John E., Jackson, Mo.; a sister, Barbara Rauh-Powell, Pocahontas, Mo.; and five grandchildren. Michels &amp; Lundquist Funeral Home, New Port Richey.</p> <p>Source: St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL, May 27, 2004, extracted August 13, 2007.</p>
<p>Reckel Jr., Louis A.</p>	<p>Louis A. "Lou" Reckel, Jr., age 57, of Bourbonnais passed away Saturday, January 10, 2004 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Born April 9, 1946 in Martinville, Indiana, he was a son of the late Louis A. and Elva Michelle-</p>

	<p>Reckel, Sr.</p> <p>Lou was a member of Local Operating Engineers #150 (Kankakee) and the Laborers Local #751. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, having served in the 82nd Ariborne during Desert Storm and was a computer enthusiast.</p> <p>Survivors include his loving wife, Margaret (Harding); a brother, Bill (Vickie) Reckel of Bourbonnais; a nephew, Jason; and a niece, Michelle Reckel; three brothers-in-law, Robert (Helen) and Daniel (Barb) Harding of Wilmington and Leo (Judy) Harding of Bonfield; and two sisters-in-law, Charlotte (the late Tommy) Jones and Beverly (Don) Dehler, both of Wilmington; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.</p> <p>Lou was preceded in death by his parents.</p> <p>Visitation will be Wednesday, January 14, 2004 from 4 to 8 PM at Reeves Funeral Home in Wilmington. Funeral services will then follow on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 10 AM in the funeral home with Rev. Dan Harding officiating. Burial with full Military Honors will be in Wesley Cemetery.</p> <p>Preferred memorials in Lou's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. REEVES FUNERAL HOME 219 N. Joliet St., Wilmington.</p> <p>Source: The Herald News, Joliet, IL, Jan. 13, 2004 extracted August 13, 2007.</p>
<p>Redman, Roger Dale</p>	<p>Roger Dale Redman, 54, of Belle, died November 25, 2006, at home after a five-year battle with cancer.</p> <p>During that time, Roger witnessed all over the state at churches that prayed for his healing. His message was always the same, "If I am healed, I am blessed. If I am not, I am blessed because the Lord is there waiting for me with open arms. Either way I am blessed." His witness changed the lives of all who heard it. Roger was a member of Mount Juliet United Methodist Church, where he had served as chairman of the trustees, president of the Methodist Men, and chaired the Christmas gift basket program.</p> <p>Roger loved his family. He and Patty were high school sweethearts. She was the love of his life, his soul mate, and his strength. He often said his greatest accomplishment was his two sons, Andy and Dusty. He saw them grow and mature into young men who made him proud every day of his life. Like Roger, both boys played high school football and basketball, and both boys followed Roger in joining the 130th Air National Guard.</p> <p>Roger was a 1971 graduate of DuPont High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball.</p> <p>After high school, Roger enlisted in the Air Force and had a 31-year career, earning the rank of Master Sergeant. He served during the Vietnam War, was deployed for Desert Storm/Desert Shield, and worked in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was awarded The Minuteman Award in 1991 and was the first West Virginian to receive this award. In August of 2005, he received the State Command Chief Award for outstanding achievement throughout his career. In April of 2006, he received the Lawrence Black Award for Outstanding and Exceptional Service to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of West Virginia.</p> <p>Roger was instrumental in establishing a scholarship program for children of</p>

	<p>members of the Enlisted Association. Roger served as president of the Enlisted Association for the state and national organization. He also served as president of the NCO Graduates Association.</p> <p>Roger loved the outdoors, especially the hills of West Virginia. He was an avid hunter with many tales of the "big one" that got away. Roger also coached multiple youth athletic teams and served as president of the Belle Lions Club.</p> <p>Roger was preceded in death by his parents, David and Greathel Ashley; and his father, William Charles Redman.</p> <p>He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Patricia Groves Redman; his sons, Andrew and wife Bethany of Charleston, and Dustin, at home. He is survived by brothers, Charles Redman of Charleston, and Allen Lucas of Florida; sisters, Judith DePriest of Ohio, Patricia Osborne of Malden and Tammie Wolff of Georgia. He is also survived by 18 nieces and nephews and countless friends.</p> <p>Roger never saw a stranger and had a smile that would light up any room. Although we will not see that smile again here, we know that Heaven is more radiant because he is there!</p> <p>Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, November 27, at Fidler &amp; Frame Funeral Home in Belle.</p> <p>Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Juliet United Methodist Church, 4th St., Belle, with viewing one hour prior to the service.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Kanawha Hospice Care, Inc., 1143 Dunbar Ave., Dunbar, WV 25064, or the Mount Juliet United Methodist Church Building Fund, 417 4th St., Belle, WV 25015.</p> <p>Source: Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, WV, Nov. 27, 2006, extracted September 22, 2007.</p>
<p>Reid, William Craig</p>	<p>Master Sergeant William Craig Reid, 48, went home to his Heavenly Father on Thursday, March 1, 2007 as a result of injuries in a motor vehicle accident.</p> <p>Funeral services will be held at Monticello Baptist Church at 3 p.m. today. Music will be provided by Kim Reeves and Dr. Jon Daniels. Interment will follow in Monticello Baptist Church Cemetery with full Military Honors. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.</p> <p>He was an active member of Monticello Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. His compassion and concern for children and the lost led him to start Operation Christmas Child Relay center at his church.</p> <p>Master Sergeant Reid enlisted in the Miss. National Guard on March 10, 1977. He began working full time for the National Guard under the Active Guard and Reserves Program on June 13, 2005. Master Sergeant Reid was deployed to Desert Storm in December of 1990 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in July of 2004. MSG Reid was deployed to Iraq in January 2005 and returned home in December 2005. While deployed, he received the Iraqi Campaign Medal (with M Devie), Army Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Miss. War Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal, the Miss. Magnolia Cross, and the Bronze Star Medal. MSG Reid accomplished many milestones while serving in various</p>

	<p>leadership roles throughout the Army National Guard.</p> <p>Craig is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Susan; his three children, Matthew of Tupelo, Julie and Andrew of Monticello; grandson, Parker Landrum of Monticello; three brothers, Dr. Rusty Reid and Skip Reid both of Monticello and Phillip Reid of Brookhaven. He was preceded in death by his parents Cannon and Tommie Reid. Active pallbearers are: SSG Matt Holmes, SFC Philip "Bud" Ladd, MSG Mikell Sandifer, MAJ Lynn Pippen, SPC Jeremy Davis, SFC Kenneth Smith, CPT Rollin Roberts. Honorary pallbearers are: Monticello Baptist Church Deacons; Dick Reeves, Glynn Vince, Randy Jones, Joe Boone, Mike Donohoe, Sammie Henry, Jose "Chi-Chi" Maldonado, and member of the 106th BSB.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monticello Baptist Church Building Fund or Monticello Baptist Church Operation Christmas Child Project.</p> <p>Source: The Clarion Ledger, Jackson, MS, Mar. 4, 2007, extracted Sep. 27, 2007</p>
<p>Reinking, Richard L.</p>	<p>Richard L. Reinking, 37, of Yoder, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital. Born Dec. 22, 1969, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Richard H. Reinking and Phyllis (Minton). He was an Engineer with Norfolk &amp; Southern Railroad for eight years.</p> <p>He served in the Navy in Desert Storm.</p> <p>Surviving are his wife, Angela (Lyttle) Reinking; son, Kyle Reinking; daughter, Shelby Reinking and Devany Reinking; sisters, Karla Hofherr, Rebecca Hardesty and Sandra Reinking; brother, Keith Reinking; 12 nieces and nephews; five great nieces; stepfather, John Burns; mother-in-law, Laurie Burns; and sister-in-law, Michelle (Jeff) Smith.</p> <p>Funeral service is noon Tuesday at First Wayne United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to service. Calling also from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials to the family. Arrangements by C.M. Sloan &amp; Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.</p> <p>Source: The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, IN, Feb. 10, 2007, extracted Sep. 24, 2007</p>
<p>Reneau, Nathaniel Douglas</p>	<p>Nathaniel "Nate" Douglas Reneau, 30, of Las Vegas, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005. He was born Nov. 3, 1974, in San Leandro, Calif., and graduated from Boulder City High School in 1993.</p> <p>Nate served in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Bremerton, Wash., for four years, and was deployed to the Gulf in support of Desert Storm.</p> <p>He worked for U.S. Customs at the Los Angeles Airport, then transferred to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol in Nogales, Ariz., for seven years.</p> <p>Nate left his dream job in Customs to go to Iraq, and did two years with Canine Associates International as a K-9 explosive detection handler. He returned home Sept. 11, 2005, and was deciding which path to take next.</p> <p>Nate had also started a clothing line with his best friends called Dirty Vegas Cartel, where he could express his passion for outdoor activities.</p>

	<p>Nate is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Chad Sproul; nephew and niece, Piercen and Seryn Sproul with a nephew due in January, who will be named in his honor; and his best friend, Josh Urioste of Las Vegas.</p> <p>Services will be from 3-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. A gathering will immediately follow from 4-8 p.m. at the Boulder Creek Golf Course.</p> <p>Source: Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas, NV, Nov. 2, 2005, extracted Sep. 9, 2007</p>
Rescineto, Brent	<p>RESCINETO -- BRENT On May 25, 2007 Brent went home to be with our Lord, he was born September 14, 1967.</p> <p>Brent served his country as a Senior Airman in the United States Air Force, serving in various duty assignments throughout the US and Europe, including Chevers Air Force Base, Belgium. While assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, he was responsible for the security of the Supreme Commander for all Allied Troops. He insured the safety of many of America's finest fighting men and women, twice deploying the Emiritz of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.</p> <p>During this time, Brent was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Military Merit Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Service Medal, National Defense Medal and Overseas Service Medal.</p> <p>Brent loved working out, a great game of golf, a good cigar and cool cars. Laughing with friends and sometimes even at himself. Brent never met a meal he didn't like and the only thing that would curb his appetite was his love of shopping. He loved his dogs, Joey and Shelby, and his three cats, Apollo, Rocky, and Sheba.</p> <p>He leaves to cherish in his memory his loving wife, Mae Jeanne; his father, Lou, his mother, Sandi Smith; his brothers, Michael (Kim) and Nick (Kim); his mother and father-in-law, Mike &amp; Corrine Garcia; his sister-in-law Bernadette Garcia; his brother-in-law, Steve Gradl; and many, many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, along with countless friends from both Albuquerque and Youngstown, OH. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lena and Charles Rescineto, Nick and Ann Prystash; his uncle, Joe Cirelli and his caring mother, Linda Rescineto.</p> <p>A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., French Mortuary- Wyoming Blvd, Chapel. A viewing will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 from 3:30 p.m., until time of service. French Mortuary, Inc. 7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE</p> <p>Source: Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque, NM, May 28, 2007, extracted September 24, 2007.</p>
Rhoades, David B.	<p>David B. Rhoades, Jr, 38, of Kansas City, Kan., passed away November 8, 2006 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 13, 2006, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.</p> <p>Mr. Rhoades was born November 6, 1968, in Shawnee, Kan., and was a life</p>

	<p>long area resident. He worked in Maintenance for Davlin Services and was a member of Emerson Park Christian Church.</p> <p>David was a Marine Corp. Veteran of Desert Storm.</p> <p>Survivors include father and mother: David B. and Linda Rhoades, Sr., Shawnee, Kan.; daughter: Amanda Rhoades, Fredricksburg, Va.; brother: Chad Rhoades, Shawnee, Kan. Arrangements: Maple Hill Funeral Home (913) 831-3345.</p> <p>Source: The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, MO, Nov. 10, 2006, extracted August 25, 2007.</p>
Rhodes, Richard Todd	<p>PEKIN - Richard Todd Rhodes, 40, of Wilmington, N.C., passed away Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, in Iraq. He was formerly of Pekin.</p> <p>Born Sept. 5, 1965, in Lexington, Ky., to Richard "Dick" and "Dottie" (Dhom) Rhodes, he married Terry Kittner on June 11, 1993, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. She survives.</p> <p>Also surviving are his parents of Pekin; two sons, Shaun Rhodes and Ryan Rhodes, both of Wilmington; his grandmother, Hilda Dhom of Newton; one sister, Kimberly (Mark) Klokkenga of Dunlap; two nephews, Austin Klokkenga and Kyle Rakiecki; one niece, Megan Klokkenga; and his two Australian shepherds, Mocha and Cocoa.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by one nephew, Kellen Rakiecki.</p> <p>A 1984 graduate of Pekin Community High School, he participated in tennis and cross country.</p> <p>Todd served his country honorably for eight years as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm while deployed to Southwest Asia.</p> <p>He had been employed as a security specialist with United States Protection Investigation (USPI) while in Afghanistan, and most recently with Cochise Company working in Iraq.</p> <p>Todd and his wife owned and operated Best Video and Audio in Jacksonville, N.C., for 12 years.</p> <p>He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Pekin. Todd was a very dedicated worker and family man. He was a very loving husband to Terry, and an engaging father, always interested in the welfare of his sons, teaching them "life's lessons" as well as individual skills in construction with Ryan and diving with Shaun.</p> <p>He was a man who simply loved life. His hobbies included dancing, diving, tennis, and sailing. He was a man of faith. Todd's memory will be forever cherished by his family and the many friends and co-workers whose lives he touched along his way.</p> <p>His memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, Pekin Chapel, where visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Father Timothy Nolan will officiate.</p>

	<p>In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Pekin, 1101 Veerman Street, Pekin, IL 61554, Tazewell County House of Hope, Post Office Box 1155, Pekin, IL 61554, or the charity of the donor's choice.</p> <p>Source: The Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, IL, Aug. 27, 2006, extracted August 25, 2007.</p>
Richards, Randy Joseph	<p>Services for Randy Joseph Richards, 41, of Diboll, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2007, in the Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend James Mills officiating. Interment will follow in the Berry Cemetery.</p> <p>Randy was born November 7, 1965, in Brushton, New York, and he passed away Sunday, January 7, 2007, in a local hospital.</p> <p>Randy served in the United States Army for 9 years. He served in tours in Germany and Korea with his primary station at Ft. Carson, Colorado. He was a Staff Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Tank Commander and Master Gunner while serving proudly in the U.S. Army. Randy played a major role in training the National Guard and Reserves during Desert Storm on tanks. He earned numerous awards and honors in his military career.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife, Kerry Anne Richards of Diboll; sons, Gerald Joseph Richards and Joseph Lee Richards, both of Lufkin; daughters, Brittany Rose Richards and Barbara Claire Richards, both of Lufkin; father and stepmother, Gerald and Nancy Richards of Brushton, NY; mother, Rose Marie Gumlaw of Plattsburgh, NY; stepfather, Kenneth Robinson of Diboll; ex-wife and friend, Linda Joyce Richards of Lufkin; brother, Lyle Richards of Plattsburgh, NY; sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Walter Bright of Mansfield, Texas; special nephew, Tucker Bright; and a number of other nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Thomas Allsbrooks, Mike Buck, Donald Davis, Roy Davis, Brooks Russell and Roger Ward. Honorary pallbearers will be Kenneth Cummings and Brandon Janek.</p> <p>The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home. Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home, directors</p> <p>Source: The Lufkin Daily News, Lufkin, TX, Jan. 10, 2007, extracted Sep. 24, 2007</p>
Richards, Rex A.	<p>Rex A. Richards, 40, of Cheyenne, formerly of Kimball, died in Cheyenne on Aug. 8.</p> <p>Rex Allen Richards was born in Lander on Nov. 18, 1965, the son of James and Mildred (Cottam) Richards. He moved with his family at an early age to Kimball and attended Kimball schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Sept. 17, 1986, and served during Desert Storm.</p> <p>He was honorably discharged on Feb. 26, 1992. After serving his country he moved to Colorado Springs and worked in a motorcycle shop. He then returned to Kimball and worked in the oil field and as a truck driver. He was married to Joy Kimzey in Kimball on May 28, 2005. He loved to rebuild old pickups and enjoyed riding his motorcycle and taking family and friends for rides. His family was very important to him.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife Joy of Cheyenne; mother Mildred Richards of</p>

	<p>Cheyenne; sons Jeremy of Sidney, Jonathon of Cheyenne and Jakob of North Platte; daughters Patricia and Kora, both of Cheyenne; brothers Randy Cottam and Bill Richards, both of Kimball, and J.J. Richards of Casper; and sister, Sondra Tykward of Kimball.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by his father in 1991.</p> <p>Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. today at the Evangelical Free Church in Kimball with Pastor Max Janzen officiating. Burial will be in the Kimball Cemetery. Military graveside honors will be preformed by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2243 of Kimball. The casket will be closed and there will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the family. Cantrell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.</p> <p>Source: Wyoming Tribune-Eagle, Cheyenne, WY, Aug. 12, 2006, extracted August 22, 2007.</p>
<p>Riffle, William Curtis</p>	<p>Sgt. William Curtis "Curt" Riffle died Jan. 27, 2005.</p> <p>Curt was born Jan. 11, 1978, at Webster Springs, W.Va. He was the son of William L. and Kathleen Detamore Riffle. In 1982, the family moved from Webster Springs to Blackwell, Oklahoma. Curt graduated from Blackwell High School in 1997. During his school years, he participated in football, track, baseball and vocal as well as receiving a brown belt in Ti Kwon Do. Some of his favorite hobbies included: hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.</p> <p>After graduation, Curt enlisted in the United States Army as a Combat Engineer. He served in Kuwait during Operation Desert Shield with the Eighth Engineering Battalion, First Cavalry Division. He was later stationed in South Korea and then to the Fourth Infantry Division, 299th Engineering Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. While with the Fourth Infantry Division, he deployed to Tikrit, Iraq and participated in operations that led to the capture of Saddam Hussein. In early 2004, Curt returned to Fort Hood, where he remained until the time of his death.</p> <p>He went in a boy and stood tall and proud like a man for the freedoms he believed in and so many take for granted. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.</p> <p>His survivors include his parents, William and Kathleen Detamore Riffle of Blackwell, Okla.; three children, Madison, of Waco, Texas, Jason and Casie of Temple, Texas; ex-wife, Julia of Temple; one sister, Misty Lovins and husband, Roy, of Blackwell, Okla; two nephews, Cory and Tracey Lovins of Blackwell; grandmothers, Barbara Detamore of Cowen, Stella Riffle of Webster Springs; grandfather, Robert and Vera Riffle of Hinton; one great-grandmother, Lela Miller of Webster Springs; three aunts, Linda McCourt and husband, Don E., of Webster Springs, Judy Boley of Richewood, and Sheila Belmont of Morgantown; two uncles, Larry Riffle and wife, Sue, of Cowen, Robert Riffle Jr. and wife, Ann, of Parkersburg, as well as many cousins. His grandfather, Paul Detamore; and uncle, Carl Boley, preceded him in death.</p> <p>Arrangements are being handled by Dodd &amp; Reed Funeral Home, 155 McGraw Ave., Webster Springs, W.Va., where the family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005. Funeral service will be at Dodd &amp; Reed Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, with the Rev. Robert Riffle Jr. and Chaplain Cpt. Timothy Staggs officiating.</p>

	<p>Interment will be at Handschumacher Cemetery in Upperglade, W.Va.</p> <p>Source: Charleston Daily Mail, Charleston, WV, Feb. 4, 2005, extracted Sep. 21, 2007</p>
Riggs, John	<p>Riggs, John</p> <p>John Riggs, 42, of La Mesa died Wednesday. He was born in McPherson, Kan. Mr. Riggs was a program manager for the Navy. He served in the Navy as an aviator during Operation Desert Shield. He was an Eagle Scout and member of the Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife, Lin Riggs; mother, Alice Riggs; sisters, Ally Robinson, Paige Hundemer and Pris Templin; and brothers, Kurt and Walt Riggs.</p> <p>Visitation: 2 to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow, Featheringill Mortuary, Helix View Chapel, 9631 Campo Road, Spring Valley.</p> <p>Services: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Santa Sophia Church, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley.</p> <p>Donations: Guide Dogs for the Deaf and Blind.</p> <p>Arrangements: Featheringill Mortuary.</p> <p>Source: The San Diego Union-Tribune, San Diego, CA, Nov. 11, 2001, extracted Jun. 15, 2007</p>
Rikard, Rick M.	<p>CAPTAIN R. M. RIKARD, JR. (USN RET) Sunrise: May 1, 1953 Sunset: September 25, 2006.</p> <p>What a difference one life can make to so many; what a blessing one person can be. Captain Rick Rikard, a resident of Suffolk, Virginia, formerly of Montgomery, died unexpectedly of a massive coronary on September 25, 2006. He is preceded in death by his father Ralph M. Rikard of Pine Hill, Alabama and a son, Adam Christopher.</p> <p>Surviving are his loving wife and best friend Dr. Lee Ann Rikard, daughter Erin Leigh Gonzales and husband Rey, son Kyle Miller Rikard and his daughter Kelly Nicole, mother Ruth S. Resmondo of Prattville, maternal grandmother Katherine M. Ondrik, Bloomer, WI, sisters, Randi Leigh Coleman and husband Pat of Tuscaloosa and Rosanna Duke and husband James of Prattville, uncle William George Rikard and wife Sara of Pensacola, FL, niece Emily Duke and nephews Will Duke, Tim and Chris Coleman.</p> <p>Rick was a man comfortable with himself, at ease in full dress uniform or overalls. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and was an outstanding gardener and landscaper. He and Lee Ann had recently purchased property in her home state of Mississippi for future full retirement and enjoyment of favorite outdoor activities. He was a football player and member of the first graduation class of Jeff Davis High School, attended the University of Mississippi on an NROTC scholarship, and received his Degree in Education and Navy Commission in 1975. He later earned a Masters Degree in Analysis &amp; Statistics from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.</p>

	<p>Captain Rikard's fleet assignments included the USS Semmes (DDG 18), USS Stark (FFG 31), Executive Officer USS Hayler (DD 997) and USS Briscoe (DD 977). He commanded the USS Gallery (FFG 26), USS Elrod (FFG 55), and the Vella Gulf (CG 72). He completed major deployments to Northern Europe, the Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf, and participated in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Able Vigil &amp; Able Manner, &amp; Operation Enduring Freedom. Captain Rikard received numerous military decorations and citations. His last assignment was Chief of Staff to Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic from which he retired in 2005 with 30 years of naval service.</p> <p>He was a consultant with the EDO Corporation until his untimely death. A celebration of life service was held at the David Adams Memorial Chapel, Norfolk, VA on September 29th, with ashes to be spread at sea at a future date. He is loved. He will be missed and he will be remembered.</p> <p>Source: Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, AL, Oct. 15, 2006, extracted September 23, 2007.</p>
Riley, Douglas Hilton	<p>Riley, Douglas Hilton</p> <p>RILEY, DOUGLAS HILTON, age 36, of Mary Esther, Fla. passed away January 21, 1997. He was born on February 18, 1960, in Birmingham. He had been honorably serving his country in the United States Air Force and had been stationed at Hurlburt Field for the past 14 years, returning here from a tour in Germany. He was also a Desert Storm veteran. Douglas was a car enthusiast, loved the beach, and most of all enjoyed all family activities. Survivors include his wife: Denice Riley, Mary Esther, Fla.; parents: George and Beatrice Riley, Hueytown; his children: Justin David Riley, John Ashley Latham, Richard Wesley Latham, and Kendra LaRhea Latham; a sister, Lori Shawn Ashley and husband, David, and their children: Brittany and Brent, all of Birmingham. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Hoover with the Rev. James H. Hegwood officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until time of service. Interment will follow in the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery Garden of the Old Rugged Cross, with full military honors. Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Hoover directing.</p> <p>Source: Birmingham News, Birmingham, AL, Jan. 24, 1997, extracted June 25, 2007.</p>
Riley, Terry	<p>Terry Riley, 55, died Sunday, December 10, 2006, at VA Medical Center. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today at Chancellor Funeral Home in Florence. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Wednesday in National Cemetery in Natchez.</p> <p>Mr. Riley had lived in Pearl since 1986 after moving here from Anchorage, Alaska. He retired with the US Air Force with 25 years of service. He served during Desert Storm as well as in Iraq. He was the recipient of the Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Medal. Other than serving his country, he loved to play darts.</p> <p>Survivors include: his father, Roy Riley of Calif., daughters: Megan Riley of Pearl, and Carmen White of San Diego, Calif.; son, Matthew Riley of Pearl, brother, Michael Riley of Juno, Alaska; sister, Elena Riley of Seattle, Wash. and 2 grandchildren.</p> <p>Source: The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS, Dec. 12, 2006, extracted August 22,</p>

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Rines, Terry B.	<p>TSgt Terry Bernard Rines passed away Sunday morning January 9, 2005, at his residence in Clyo, GA. He was born on April 30, 1965 in Savannah, Georgia to Mary Williams Jenkins and Lorenzo Rines. On May 13, 1988 he married the former Lahoma V. Rines, and to this union 2 children were born Janelle and Taylor. TSgt. Rines was veteran of the U.S. Air Force for 18 years and he served in the Gulf War, and received numerous honor's medals' and awards. He was a member of Solid Rock's Thee Deliverance Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and served as Financial Deacon of The Deacon Board. He leaves to rejoice in his memory, his wife, Elder Lahoma V. Rines of Clyo, GA; three children, Janelle Elease Rines, Taylor Rines of Clyo, GA, and Whitney Rines of Anchorage, Alaska; his parents, Mary Jenkins and Lorenzo Rines of Savannah, GA; brothers, Darrell Williams, and Mark Mack of Savannah, GA; two sisters , Florinda Rines of Savannah, GA, and Emily Rines of Tucker, GA; step-sister Genny Colon and step-brother Leroy Crews of Augusta, GA; maternal grandmother, Iona Williams; mother-in-law, Apostle Frances A. Nix; three sisters-in-law, Minister Jennifer Nix, Prophetess Patricia Reid and Evangelist Polly Jones; five brothers -in-law, Deacon David Reid, Bishop Lionel T. Jones, Michael Nix, Lavon Nix, and Willie James Nix, all of Clyo, GA; father -in-law, Lawrence Nix of Clyo; aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation: Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Solid Rock's Thee Deliverance Church of Christ. Home going services will be held Friday January 14, 2005 at 1:00p.m. Solid Rock's Thee Deliverance Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. Hwy 321 South Scotia, South Carolina. Apostle Frances A. Nix, Pastor, Bishop Lionel Terrell Jones, officiating and Chief Apostle David L. Dupree, Jr. DD, will deliver the eulogy. Internment: Thee Delive rance Church of Christ Memorial Gardens With Full Military Honors. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home &amp; John Eli Memorial Chapel 513 Clark Avenue Estill, South Carolina 29918 Business# 803-625-4402 John Eli Martin, Licensed Funeral Director &amp; Notary.</p> <p>Source: Savannah Morning News, Savannah. GA, Jan. 13, 2005.</p>
Rittenbur, Richard Arnold Jr.	<p>LAYTON -Richard Arnold Rutenbur Jr. 46, passed away June 3, 2007 at his residence.</p> <p>He was born on July 13, 1960 in Salt Lake City, Utah the son of Richard A. and Mary Ann Koplun Rutenbur. Richard was reared in Woods Cross and spent most of his life in Utah with the exception of his military service.</p> <p>He married Sidney Paige Stone on January 15, 1982 in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>Richard served our country in both the Army and the Air Force. He was a veteran of the Desert Storm War.</p> <p>Richard was a member of the LDS Church and served a mission to Melbourne, Australia. Hr was a very hard worker who always kept busy with his various activities and served many people. He loved many things, he especially enjoyed spending time with his family, deer hunting, camping, fishing and landscaping.</p> <p>He is survived by Paige Rutenbur, their daughters Jenifer Sue (Skyler) Valentine, Clearfield; Courtney Nichole Rutenbur, Salt Lake City; granddaughter, Abigail Nichole Valentine, mother, eight brothers, Jerry, Albert, Guy, Glen, Mark, Lynn, Chris, Steven, three sisters, Coleen, Sherrie and Denza. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Lee</p>

	<p>Ruttenbur.</p> <p>Graveside services will be held Friday, June 8, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Utah Veterans Memorial Park, 17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah, where military honors will be accorded.</p> <p>Arrangements under the direction of Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 No. Fairfield Road.</p> <p>Source: Standard-Examiner, Ogden UT, June 6, 2007, extracted September 26, 2007.</p>
Rivard, Kenneth G.	<p>Kenneth Gene Rivard, 52, of Sebring, Fla., died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in Sebring. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring. Jim Henry will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Placid, Fla., immediately after the services.</p> <p>Born May 26, 1953, in Pontiac, Mich., he was the son of the late Alex Charles and Mary Alice McInnis Rivard. He was a self-employed building contractor and a member of First Baptist Church in Sebring. He was a graduate of Lake Superior State College and Southern Illinois University and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Gulf War, serving in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army National Guard. He was also a member of the American Legion. He had lived in Sebring since 1980, moving from Newberry, Mich.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Uhrig Rivard, formerly of Marshall; two daughters, Christine Mary Rivard of Sarasota, Fla., and Megan Patricia Rivard of Sebring; two sons, Jason Allen Rivard of the state of Nebraska and Alex Joseph Rivard of Sebring; two brothers, Mark Rivard of Zolfo Springs, Fla., and Rick Rivard of the state of Texas; and one sister, Sherry Painter of the state of Michigan.</p> <p>Source: The Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall, Saline County, MO, Feb. 27, 2006.</p>
Rivera, Manuel Jr.	<p>Marine Capt. Manuel Rivera Jr.: Marine becomes first New York casualty</p> <p>NEW YORK Memorial services were held yesterday in the Bronx for a U.S. Marine who became the first serviceman from New York City to die during Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>Marine Capt. Manuel Rivera Jr., 31, was praised as "a hero of the community" and an example to the youth of the South Bronx by local dignitaries who attended the services at St. Anselm's Church.</p> <p>Rivera described as a "top-gun quality" pilot by his family was killed when his British-built Harrier jet developed mechanical problems and crashed during a training session in Saudi Arabia last week.</p> <p>Source: The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA, Jan. 28, 1991, extracted May 23, 2007.</p>
Rivers, Carlos W. Jr.	<p>Retired Chief Warrant Officer Carlos William Rivers Jr., 60, of Fayetteville, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, in Franklin Regional Medical Center in Louisburg.</p>

	<p>Mr. Rivers served 29 years in the Army before retiring in 1995. He was a Tandem Master and a veteran of the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War. He later was a guidance counselor for the Cumberland County Schools and a member of St. James Lutheran Church.</p> <p>The funeral will be conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday in St. James Lutheran Church by Pastor Louise Hilbert and Vicar Mary Louise Sitton. Burial with military honors will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.</p> <p>Mr. Rivers is survived by a son, Carlos W. Rivers III of Benson; two daughters, Robin R. Silva and Susan R. Benoit, both of Fayetteville; a brother, Charles E. Rivers of Vermont; a sister, Shirley E. Miller of Vermont; and five grandchildren.</p> <p>The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rogers and Breece Funeral Home.</p> <p>Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church, 1424 Morganton Road, Fayetteville, NC 28305.</p> <p>Source: The Fayetteville Observer, Fayetteville, NC, July 10, 2006.</p>
Robbins, David E	<p>David Earl Robbins, 42, of Spring City, died Friday, April 28, 2006, at his home.</p> <p>A lifelong resident of Rhea County, David was a 1982 graduate of Rhea County High School. An employee of La-Z-Boy for many years, he was an active member of the National Guard #278, serving in the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq War.</p> <p>David attended Spring City United Methodist Church.</p> <p>His grandparents, Grover and Mae Garrison and Raymond and Olis Robbins, preceded him in death.</p> <p>Survivors include his parents, Earl and Imogene Garrison Robbins of Spring City.</p> <p>Funeral services were held Sunday, April 30, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Vaughn Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Fisher officiating. Burial followed in Spring City Memorial Gardens.</p> <p>The family received friends one hour before services at the funeral home.</p> <p>Vaughn Funeral Home in Spring City is in charge of arrangements.</p> <p>Source: The Herald News, Dayton, TN, May 4, 2006</p>
Robbins, Jack D.	<p>Jack D. Robbins, 50, Yorktown, passed away September 25, 2006 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born March 28, 1956 in Muncie to the late Jack and Geneva (Dalton) Robbins and has been a resident of this area most of his life.</p> <p>Mr. Robbins graduated from Southside High School in 1974. He joined the</p>

	<p>United States Army in 1980 to 1983 as a Military Police Officer and then re-enlisted with the Army again from 1987 thru 1993 where he was a Gulf War Veteran. He was a recipient of the Medal of Congressional Honor, the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a local truck driver for thirteen years.</p> <p>Jack was a member of the American Legion Post 327 of Cammack. He enjoyed being around family and friends, playing golf, NASCAR racing and also enjoyed being a natural comedian.</p> <p>Mr. Robbins is survived by his wife of 20 years, Debby (Mantock) Robbins whom he married January 24, 1986; son, Josh Robbins; daughters, Megan Robbins and Emily Robbins all of Yorktown; step-daughter, Jody (husband - Jason) Brown of Yorktown; two brothers, Larry Stilts (Companion - Leslie) and Johnnie (wife - Beth) Robbins of Gaston; one sister, Rose Robbins (companion - Chad) of Muncie. Several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Jack will be sadly missed by his family, friends and especially his two pets Oscar and Buck.</p> <p>Mr. Robbins was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Geneva (Dalton) Robbins, and one sister, Ruth Byrd.</p> <p>Services will Saturday September 30, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at Elm Ridge Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Osborn officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Ridge Memorial Park with Military Rites conducted by the Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.</p> <p>Family will receive friends at Elm Ridge Funeral Home on Friday September 29, 2006 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers a Trust Fund has been set up for Jacks children at Old National Bank of Yorktown, 8919 W. Adaline, Yorktown, IN 47396.</p> <p>Source: The Star Press, Muncie, IN, Sept. 28, 2006.</p>
<p>Roberts, Felix</p>	<p>On a day when the nation paused to commemorate those who fell in military service, Fulton County Fire Station No. 8 mourned the death of firefighter Felix Roberts, who also died in the line of duty.</p> <p>Roberts, 41, tried to save a man inside a burning home Monday morning and became the first firefighter killed in the county department's 29-year history. The resident also died in the blaze, and two other firefighters were injured.</p> <p>Roberts was near the end of his 24-hour shift at the station on Old Alabama Road on Monday. One more hour, and he'd be driving to his Douglasville home to spend the holiday with his mother, who had flown in from Tampa, family members said.</p> <p>Then the emergency call came in shortly before 5 a.m. A two-story red brick home in the Glastonberry subdivision in the new city of Johns Creek was in flames. The city, only five months old, doesn't have a fire department, so five firefighters from Station 8 rushed to the scene.</p> <p>The couple sleeping inside was awakened by their barking dog. The woman, Mardi Baumann, 50, escaped with her dog and ran to the homes of several neighbors, ringing their doorbells and pleading for help.</p>

Her fiance, John Callahan, 57, was trapped inside.

Callahan had been a longtime companion of Baumann, who is divorced with three daughters in their 20s. The couple spent a Memorial Day dinner with neighbors Sunday night.

"She rang my bell, but it didn't really wake me up," said neighbor Mike Nuzzo, 41. "Then I heard her screaming at the top of her lungs."

Several residents ran to the house. Nuzzo said he grabbed a sledgehammer from his home and broke down the front door. The heavy smoke forced them to retreat.

"It was smoke so thick we couldn't get within a couple of feet inside the front door," Nuzzo said. "I could barely see the stairs."

Within minutes, Roberts and the other firefighters arrived. Three searched the house in one direction. Two went the other way. As the two firefighters searched near the kitchen, they were overcome by a sudden burst of heat and smoke known as a "flashover," officials said. It happens when the chemicals released from burning carpets and other synthetics mingle with the fire.

"Think of a giant molotov cocktail, a huge fireball going off right in the middle while the firefighters were in there," said state Fire Safety Commissioner John Oxendine. "The entire house just filled up with flames shooting out of every opening."

The cause of the blaze at the house on Gorham Close hasn't been determined, but Oxendine said candles left burning in the home's screened porch may be to blame.

Callahan, officials said, tried to escape the home but apparently became disoriented and died in the blaze. He was later found in a room over the garage.

"Some witnesses said he stuck his head out the window," Oxendine said. "When they told him to jump, he said, 'I don't know where I am.'"

Other firefighters pulled the two injured firefighters out the home. Capt. Wayne Gilliard suffered second-degree burns on his hand and was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital. Another firefighter, Capt. Anthony Avery, was taken to North Fulton Regional Hospital for chest discomfort. Roberts died at North Fulton Regional Hospital.

Roberts had always wanted to be a firefighter, family members said. A Desert Storm veteran, he joined the Fulton County fire department in February 1999. A department news release described him as a "model employee." He also fought fires for the Sandy Springs fire department.

Monday evening, firefighters at Station 8 did not want to talk about the death. The flag outside stood at half-staff. Bouquets of flowers rested under it. Grieving neighbors had brought them throughout the day.

"As you can imagine, losing a family member is tough. It's a sad time for all of us," said department spokesman Lt. Gregory Chambers. "It's just one of those things we have to get through. But we will, we will."

	<p>Troy Smith, who was once married to Roberts' sister, said he'd known Roberts for more than 20 years.</p> <p>"He was like my little brother, and I was the big brother who looked up to him," said Smith, 46, of Stone Mountain. "I was the one with the big ideas, but he was the one who actually got them done."</p> <p>Smith, a code enforcement officer, said he also wanted to be a firefighter and had gotten the paperwork to join the department, "but [Felix] was the one who filled it out, passed the test and became one," he said.</p> <p>Roberts leaves behind his mother and four siblings. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.</p> <p>Source: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 29, 2007, extracted September 24, 2007.</p>
Roberts, Franklin Delano	<p>Master Sergeant Franklin Delano Roberts was born November 1, 1948 in Bessemer, Alabama to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts (Georgia). He was the fifth child born to this union. After a good fight with cancer, he was called home to rest on September 20, 2007.</p> <p>A decorated soldier and protector, he completed 33 years of military service to our country. He entered the United States Army during the war in Vietnam, and joined the Alabama National Guard in 1980. During Desert Storm, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement. He was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal.</p> <p>He leaves to celebrate his memory: his loving wife of 32 years, Marie Roberts; three children, Randall Bernard Mims (Kerry), Audra Nicole Mims Hudgins (Willie) and Michael Dontrey Roberts; three grandchildren, Kendra L. Mims, Kardarius S. Roberts and Kendrick B. Roberts; eight siblings, John Roberts, Ephraim Roberts (Betty), Will Roberts, Hattie Graham (Rufus), Mary Sanders, Joe A. Roberts, Brenda Lark and Stanley Roberts; a loving aunt, Mary R. Cage; and innumerable nieces, nephews, cousins, comrades, and friends.</p> <p>Going Home Services will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1400 26th Street, North on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 12:00 Noon, Pastor William E. Scott ,officiating.</p> <p>Special thanks to the staff of the Kirklin Clinic of Acton Road, Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Odyssey Hospice Unit.</p> <p>Source: Birmingham News, Birmingham, AL, September 26, 2007, extracted October 3, 2007.</p>
Roberts, Peter Lariosa	<p>Roberts, Peter Lariosa</p> <p>Peter Lariosa Roberts, 38, died May 5, 1998, at Alaska Regional Hospital, after battling a brain tumor.</p> <p>Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Friday with a service following at 1 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 8th Avenue and E Street. Burial will be in the Fort Richardson National Cemetery. The Rev. John Adams of Holy Family Cathedral will officiate.</p> <p>Mr. Roberts was born June 21, 1959, in the Philippines. He graduated from</p>

	<p>college with a degree in mechanical engineering, and came to Alaska in 1983.</p> <p>Mr. Roberts served in the U.S. Air Force from 1984 to 1994, receiving numerous awards, including the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and one Oak Leaf Cluster. He had served four years in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Most recently, he had worked as an auto mechanic for Sears.</p> <p>His family said, "He loved the Alaskan outdoors, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a very independent and private person and was always helpful."</p> <p>Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife, Violeta; sons Arthor and Mark David; mother, Emma Roberts; sisters, Hannah and Faith Roberts; and niece, Jamnah Morton, all of Anchorage. He also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Susan Roberts; nephews, Saul and Scott Roberts; and several in-laws, all in the Philippines.</p> <p>Arrangements were by Evergreen Memorial Chapel.</p> <p>Source: Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage, AK, May 7, 1998, extracted June 26, 2007.</p>
<p>Roberts, Robert James</p>	<p>Roberts, Robert James</p> <p>A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in New Hope Community Church in Milwaukie for Robert James "Bob Bob" Roberts, who died Nov. 22, 1996, in the Air Force Reserve cargo plane crash in the Pacific off Cape Mendocino, Calif. He was 47.</p> <p>Mr. Roberts was born Nov. 2, 1949, in Vancouver, Wash. He was reared and schooled in Portland, graduating from Madison High School in 1967. He joined the Air Force in 1969 and served eight years.</p> <p>He joined the Portland Police Bureau in 1977, the second generation of his family to be a police officer. He was a motorcycle patrolman for 14 years, a firearms and driving instructor and an intelligence officer. His last assignment was in the Drugs and Vice Division.</p> <p>Mr. Roberts joined the Air Force Reserve, 304th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron about 1980. He served several years as a flight engineer on C-130s. He served in Saudi Arabia at the end of Desert Storm. Mr. Roberts was senior master sergeant and flight engineer superintendent.</p> <p>Recently divorced, he bought a house in Gresham this year with his friend, Peggy McDaniels of Gresham. Survivors include her; his ex-wife, Cindy Roberts of Damascus; sons, Matthew J., of the McChord Air Force Base, Wash.; Nicholas of Gresham, and Andrew of Damascus; father and stepmother, Robert W. and Linda Roberts of Gresham; and sister, Rochelle Storlie of Sandy.</p> <p>The family suggests remembrances to the Portland Police Sunshine Division.</p> <p>Source: The Oregonian, Portland, OR, Dec. 3, 1996, extracted June 21, 2007.</p>
<p>Roberts, Scott Nicholas</p>	<p>Roberts, Scott Nicholas</p>

## FAMILY SEES USAF SON'S FUNERAL, REALIZES THERE'LL BE NO CLOSURE

As a child, Scott Nicholas Roberts was inseparable from his mother. When she was in the bathroom of their South Park home, he waited outside the door for her.

So it was a big surprise to Bill and Rosalin Roberts when Scott, the youngest of their four children, decided to spread his wings and join the Air Force after graduating from high school in 1988.

And it was an even bigger shock when they learned that the 27-year-old staff sergeant had perished Sept. 13, when the C-141 U.S. military jet on which he was a mission flight engineer collided in midair with a German military plane off the west coast of Africa.

Yesterday, beneath skies as blue as a robin's egg, Scott Roberts and six other U.S. servicemen who died with him were laid to rest in a full military ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. The 6 ounces of human remains that were returned here could not be positively identified as Roberts', so he and six of his comrades were interred en masse.

"This is as good as it gets," said Bill Roberts as he sat in a Washington hotel room surrounded by his wife, his mother, Mary, sons Ron and William Jr. and daughter Kim Mitchell.

Despite four memorial services and the passing of 6 1/2 months, the family's grief remains fresh.

"To be honest with you, I don't know what closure is. This will never go away. It will be with you forever," Bill Roberts said.

Scott was born April 15, 1970, and grew up in the Library section of South Park.

"He was his mother's little boy," said his father, a retired Pleasant Hills police officer who enjoyed hunting with his other two sons but not Scott.

"When the boy was growing up, he was somewhat of a scaredy cat. But he was always extremely intelligent. When he went out to do his own thing, it really surprised me."

"I didn't think he would ever leave my side," Rosalin Roberts added.

In high school, Scott was involved in drama and a mime group and played alto saxophone in the school band. He fell in love with airplanes and flying at age 13, when his mother took him to the Allegheny County Airport and he got to ride in a light airplane.

"That was the end of that," his father recalled with a smile. "That's all he wanted to do. That's all he talked about."

Scott hoped to attend aviation school in Florida but couldn't afford it. So he joined the Air Force, where he could gain flying experience and save money for college. Early Jan. 1, 1989, Air Force officials came to the Roberts' home to pick him up. His mother still recalls her final, few words to him:

"Be careful. I love you. Gonna miss you. Call home as soon as you can."

After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Scott went to Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., where he was crew chief on a KC-10 jet. He was stationed there about five years before being assigned to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey as a flight engineer.

In his nearly nine years in the service, he received numerous medals and commendations and was a member of the Air Force Honor Guard. He served in Operation Support Hope in Rwanda, Uphold Democracy in Haiti and Joint Endeavor in Bosnia.

"The more he stayed in there, he was basically deciding to make the Air Force a career," his father said.

Scott spoke Italian, French and German and had begun learning Korean. He loved to travel, visiting 36 countries in all.

"His favorite was Germany," said his mother. "He loved Germany."

She pauses, pondering the collision with the German aircraft, then muses, "Isn't that funny?"

Scott and older brother William, now 30, were both on active duty in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Their paths never crossed, and both returned home safely. Their parents recalled how each brother worried about the other in phone calls home.

"It was the worst eight months of our life," Rosalin Roberts said.

"Until this happened," her husband added.

Scott was a mission flight engineer. His job was to check C-141 jets before takeoff to ensure they were airworthy and that instrumentation was functioning properly. He had earned a pilot's license several years ago and had taken a flight instructor's test Sept. 10, the same day he left for Namibia.

Scott was part of a contingent that flew Army Special Forces to Namibia to teach people how to deactivate land mines. He and eight others were returning to the United States when their plane collided with a German military jet 65 nautical miles off the coast of Namibia. All nine Americans and the 24 people aboard the German jet died.

U.S. military officials became alarmed when C-141 pilots failed to check in at designated times. They learned the next day that a German military plane that had taken off from Diiori Hamani International Airport in Niamey, Niger, had not been heard from.

They assumed the worst. The Robertses were informed that day that their son was missing.

"I just knew he was gone, wasn't coming back," Bill Roberts said. "I don't know how, but I knew it."

For nearly two weeks, U.S., German, South African, Namibian and French

	<p>military personnel searched half-mile-deep waters. After wreckage and skeletal remains - later determined to be those of instructor pilot Capt. Peter Vallejo and mission co-pilot Capt. Jason Ramsey - were found, the servicemen's status was changed from missing to deceased.</p> <p>A subsequent Pentagon investigation found that the German plane was flying at a lower altitude than permissible for the direction it was traveling and had deviated from its approved flight plan. Neither plane was equipped with a traffic collision avoidance system, which could have prevented the crash. In addition, Scott's plane carried no parachutes, which was permissible.</p> <p>Fate's finger appeared in the tragedy, as well. Both planes had departed earlier than scheduled, and communication was garbled between the German plane and flight control towers.</p> <p>"Most accidents are caused," Bill Roberts said. "Accidents don't just happen. They don't just occur."</p> <p>At a memorial service at McGuire Air Force Base Oct. 4, the Roberts family presented a memorial plaque to the 13th Airlift Squadron, to which Scott Roberts belonged. A second service for all nine crew members was held in Windhoek, Namibia's capital. The family's trips to those services and the one in Alexandria were paid for by the U.S. government. A memorial service for Scott was also held at St. Joan of Arc Church in South Park.</p> <p>In Namibia, a monument was erected in honor of the deceased. Namibian President Sam Nujoma canceled another engagement to attend the service. The Roberts family contrasted that with the absence of President Clinton.</p> <p>Clinton's absence has left a bad taste in their mouths because it was Scott's squadron that had the task of transporting the president's vehicles and protection around the world. They received a short letter of consolation from the president but felt he could have been more personal.</p> <p>Someday, when the pain has become more bearable, the family plans to pull out photo albums and videotapes and reminisce. They'll fondly remember the man who phoned home every Friday no matter where in the world he happened to be.</p> <p>Who phoned his grandmother in Ford City to lift her spirits every year on the anniversary of his grandfather's death.</p> <p>Who brought everyone in the family a gift each time he visited.</p> <p>Who always looked for ways to get family members together and put much of the cheer in the family's Christmases.</p> <p>"He just loved to live," his father said. "He was happy with what he did and who he was."</p> <p>Source: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, PA, Apr. 3, 1998, extracted June 26, 2007.</p>
Robertson, Daniel Brian	<p>On Jan. 26, 2006, Daniel (Dan) Brian Robertson left this world to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was known to all his friends and family as a caring, warm and generous man who lived and worked with integrity. His family was the joy of his life.</p>

	<p>Dan was born Jan. 25, 1962, in Joliet, Ill. He attended Orange Glen High School in Escondido, Calif.</p> <p>He served his country in the Naval Reserves from 1984 to 1994, which included a tour of duty for Desert Storm in 1990.</p> <p>He worked as a superintendent for S.R. Construction, as well as for ITSI and Straub Construction. He was known as a team player who treated others with respect, putting forth his best effort in all he did.</p> <p>He is survived by his loving wife, Paula Robertson; and two sons, Eric Robertson and Matthew Dadey. He is also survived by his parents, Noel and Linda Robertson of Kimberling City, Mo.; brother, Terri Robertson of Escondido, Calif.; sister, Kelly Lewandowski of Pittsburg, Kan.; and many other loved ones. A memorial service to honor his life will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Canyon Ridge Christian Church at 6200 W. Lone Mountain Road, Las Vegas, NV 89130.</p> <p>Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the CRCC building fund for children.</p> <p>Source: Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas, NV, Jan. 28, 2006, extracted August 24, 2007.</p>
Robertson, Michael John	<p>Michael John Robinson died suddenly on Sunday, May 13, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. He passed away while doing what he loved: hard work. He was born at Fort Dix, New Jersey on October 8, 1961.</p> <p>He is survived by his wife of 26 years, the former Carole Evette Spinner; and son, Michael J. "Little Mike" Robinson of Richmond. He was the third oldest son of the late Selmon Robinson Sr. and Gerda Katherine Franklin. He is also survived by seven brothers, Selmon Robinson Jr., and his wife, Olivia, Samuel Robinson, William Robinson and fiancée, Carolyn Prunty, Noel Robinson and wife, Joanne, Christopher Robinson and wife, Annette, Louis Robinson and wife, Diane, Harry Robinson and wife, Kimberly; a great-uncle, Curtis Megginson; and a host of nieces and nephews.</p> <p>Michael's work history was very extensive, beginning at age 17 in the United States Marine Corps at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He was a jet engine mechanic serving four years of duty before being honorably discharged. Later he enlisted into the U.S. Army and served seven years with the 82nd Airborne Division and 24th Infantry Division. Michael was a decorated communications sergeant in Desert Shield and Storm.</p> <p>His current assignment was serving as a certified liquid fuels systems maintenance craftsman with the 192nd Civil Engineering Squadron (ACC) Virginia Air National Guard. His awards included the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation, The Parachutist Badge, and Air Force Expeditionary Ribbon. Michael served numerous stateside and overseas tours including MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Vincenza, Italy, and Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>Michael's most recent career was as an owner/operator of a commercial tractor truck. His major work was with Dana Transportation Systems, Inc. in Richmond for over 3 years. A special thank you to the 192nd CE Air Guard, The Maryland State Police, U.S. Air Force Funeral Detail and the many friends</p>

	<p>and family.</p> <p>A service celebrating the life of Michael J. Robinson will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2007 in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home immediately following the service until 1:30 p.m. and at other times at the residence of Noel Robinson, 1672 Christian Mill Creek Rd., Amherst, Va. 24521. Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 Graves Mill Rd., (434) 239-2405, is assisting his family.</p> <p>Source: Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond, VA, May 18, 2007, extracted September 24, 2007.</p>
Robertson, Robert P.	<p>SOLON, Maine -- Robert P. Robertson, 67, died March 25, 2007.</p> <p>He served in the Army 10th Special Forces Group and was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Rob worked for the Somerset County Sheriff's Department for 30 years, retiring May 31, 2006.</p> <p>He was a member of the VFW, American Legion Post 99, Trouts Unlimited Somerset Chapter, and was an ardent hunter and fisherman.</p> <p>Predeceased by his father, William; he is survived by his wife, Judith Robertson; his mother, Regina; four daughters, Colleen Begin, Colleen Vaughn, Kathy Marks and Kelly Emery; a sister, Carol "Cookie" Wood and brother, William "Billy" Robertson; and 11 grandchildren.</p> <p>A memorial service was held for family in August 2007.</p> <p>Source: Courier News, Bridgewater, NJ, September 22, 2007, extracted October 3, 2007.</p>
Robertson, Shawn Christan	<p>PEKIN -- Memorial services for Shawn Christan Robertson, 23, of 17 Rose Court, who is believed to have died in the Illinois River, will</p> <p>be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church in Pekin. The Rev. Charles Werner Sensel will officiate.</p> <p>Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, Pekin Chapel. Graveside services with full military honors will be at a later date.</p> <p>Pekin Police believe Robertson died about 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 1993, after going into the Illinois River at the McNaughton Bridge in Pekin. As of Sunday, his body had not been recovered.</p> <p>Born Sept. 3, 1969, in Pekin to Calvin L. and Deborah L. Roth Robertson, he married Kibbie Lynn Kaebel on Aug. 21, 1991, in Palm Springs, Calif. She survives.</p> <p>Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Flairty of Pekin; his father of Venice, Fla.; a stepfather who helped raise him, Harlan G. Laesch of East Peoria; his grandparents, Robert Roth of Pekin, Eleanor Claycomb of Venice, Fla., and Louise Laesch and Elizabeth Flairty, both of Pekin; one sister, Amber L. Robertson of Pekin; one half brother, Casey T. Robertson of Nashville, Tenn.; one half sister, Karmen N. Laesch of Pekin; and one stepbrother, Brandon H. Laesch of East Peoria. One grandmother and one grandfather preceded him in death.</p>

	<p>He was a 1988 graduate of Pekin Community High School where he was active in football and basketball. He was attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.</p> <p>He served four years in the Marine Corps from September 1988 to July 1992, attaining the rank of corporal. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, serving 7 1/2 months, he received the national defense medal, combat action ribbon and Kuwait Liberation Medal.</p> <p>He was employed as an automotive technician in the service department at Velde Oldsmobile/Cadillac/GMC Trucks of Pekin. He also played on the Pekin Park District Industrial League softball team.</p> <p>Memorials may be made to Pekin Junior Football League Building Fund in care of its secretary, 1008 St. Julian St., Pekin, Ill. 61554.</p> <p>Source: The Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, IL, Feb. 22, 1993, extracted May 29, 2007.</p>
Robinson Jr., Duane	<p>DUANE ROBINSON JR.</p> <p>Memorial services for Duane A. Robinson Jr., 50, Lawrence, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was cremated.</p> <p>Mr. Robinson died Sunday, Oct. 17, 1999, at his home.</p> <p>He was born Jan. 7, 1949, in Salina, the son of Duane Allon Robinson Sr. and Eunice M. (Hazelton) Robinson.</p> <p>Mr. Robinson was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a lifetime member of Alford-Clarke VFW Post No. 852 in Lawrence.</p> <p>He worked at Lawrence Paper Co. before retiring because of health reasons.</p> <p>He was an Air Force veteran of Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>He married Sharon Cannon in 1986 in Lawrence. She survives of the home.</p> <p>Other survivors include three sons, Mike Robinson, Ronnie Robinson and Clinton Edwards, all of Lawrence; a sister, Connie Capistrand, Mulvane; his mother and stepfather, Eunice M. and Ronald Becker, Salina; and three grandchildren.</p> <p>The family suggests memorials to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, sent in care of the funeral home.</p> <p>Source: Lawrence Journal-World, Lawrence, KS, Oct. 18, 1999, extracted July 14, 2007.</p>
Robinson, William H.	<p>William Henry Robinson, 35, of Florence, died Friday in Richland County, Ohio.</p> <p>He was a truck driver with Swift Trucking Co. and a Navy veteran of the Gulf War.</p>

	<p>A son, Cody Robinson, preceded him in death.</p> <p>Survivors include sons, Zachary Robinson and Wyatt Robinson, both of Taylor Mill; his father, Dale Robinson of Dry Ridge; his mother and stepfather, Juanita and Robert Eshelman of Florence; a sister, Jennifer Robinson of Florence; brothers, Kevin Robinson of Florence and Fred Robinson of Burlington; and half-sisters, Becky Miller and Betsy Radford, both of Virginia.</p> <p>Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stith Funeral Home, Florence.</p> <p>Visitation will be from 5 to 7 tonight at the funeral home.</p> <p>Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Fort Mitchell.</p> <p>Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, Suite 207, Louisville, Ky. 40202.</p> <p>Source: The Kentucky Post, Covington, KY, Dec. 15, 2004.</p>
<p>Robson, Michael R.</p>	<p>Staff Sgt. Michael R. Robson: Fort Sam copter pilot's widow says her husband died a hero</p> <p>Staff Sgt. Michael R. Robson, a medic with the 507th Medical Co. Air Ambulance at Fort Sam Houston, died a hero during Operation Desert Storm, his widow said Thursday during a visit to San Antonio.</p> <p>Robson, 30, and two other members of the four-man crew were killed in the Persian Gulf last month while attempting to rescue an injured pilot in a downed A-10 anti-tank airplane.</p> <p>Funeral services for Robson, the father of four boys, were held Wednesday in Oklahoma. He was buried at McAlister Cemetery in Overbrook, a small community south of Ardmore, Okla. San Antonio visit His widow, Lisa, and her father, Jim Richards, flew to San Antonio on Thursday to take care of family business before returning to Oklahoma.</p> <p>Even though she does not know whether it was enemy fire or mechanical failure that led the helicopter her husband was flying in to crash, she believes he was a hero.</p> <p>"In my eyes he is (a hero) because he was very dedicated to the military and he went over there with such a good attitude. He was really proud to go," she said.</p> <p>Knowing that he was prepared to die has made it less difficult to cope with his death, she said.</p> <p>"If he had gone over there not wanting to go, it would have been very difficult for me. But he had such a good attitude about going," she said, recalling that her husband had a smile on his face when he and other members of the 507th departed on Dec. 20.</p> <p>A day before her husband's funeral, she told the Daily Ardmoreite that he would not have wanted to die any other way than on a volunteer mission in which he was trying to help someone else.</p> <p>"I want people to know what these guys did and what everyone else is doing over there," she said. "I don't want to focus on my own grief.</p>

	<p>"These guys didn't have to do this and they did. They were dedicated enough to go out and do this."</p> <p>And in all the excitement of the returning troops, in the fervor of homecoming plans and patriotic salutes, she wants people to remember the war was not bloodless. Nine-year veteran Robson was a nine-year Army veteran who started out working with missiles but who for the past year served as a medic with the 507th Medical Co. Air Ambulance.</p> <p>He married Lisa, an Ardmore- area native, in 1986, adopting her two sons. He left four sons behind when he died - Mathew, 12; Michael, 9; Zachary, 3; and Tyrell, 1.</p> <p>Lisa Robson talked to her husband on Feb. 11, his 30th birthday. On Feb. 28, military officials arrived at their house with the news of his death.</p> <p>"They won't say exactly where they (Robson and his crew) were, but they were in hostile territory," she said. "All four of them agreed to volunteer" to go after the injured pilot.</p> <p>"Right now they don't know if the reason the rotor stopped was because of enemy fire or technical difficulties. When the rotor stopped, the helicopter started spinning. They start spinning counterclockwise, like they're unwinding."</p> <p>She said the pilot regained control for a few seconds, but then lost control a second time. A soldier was thrown from the helicopter when it started spinning a second time. His only injury was a broken leg.</p> <p>"He saw the helicopter go down and how he did it I don't know, but he tried to get to them. The helicopter blew up twice. The second time, it knocked Spc. Wright (the injured crewmember) out."</p> <p>The helicopter never made it to the downed pilot.</p> <p>"We've had a great loss. My husband was a very dedicated husband and father and we hate to lose him," she said, "but the guy who tried to get to him is probably having a really hard time of it, too."</p> <p>Lisa Robson said seeing the homecoming celebrations of more fortunate soldiers bothers her somewhat, but she is still pleased to see them.</p> <p>"I'm glad the people are behind these soldiers so much," she said. "It makes them do their job that much better and it makes the families feel better."</p> <p>Source: San Antonio-Express News, San Antonio, TX, March 15, 1991, extracted May 23, 2007.</p>
<p>Rockingham, Mary Frances</p>	<p>Mary Francis Rockingham was born to Howard Goodwin and Rosa Goodwin-Shackelford on May 29, 1936, in Chattanooga, TN. On April 4th, 2007 she went to rest in the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Mary was a long-time resident of Waukegan and she was employed with the Veteran's Affairs Hospital of North Chicago for over 30 years and worked as a part-time professor at the College of Lake County. Mary was an active member</p>

	<p>of Trinity AME Church, where she was the president of the Chicago Area Lay organization, on the stewardess board, and a choir participant.</p> <p>She was a Major in the US Army Reserve Nurse Corps from 1989-1996 where she proudly served in Desert Storm.</p> <p>She also was a member of the Chicago chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority (1993). Mary gave wisdom and strength to the battered women of A Safe Place where she volunteered for ten years - she was a PHENOMENAL WOMAN!</p> <p>She was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Rosa Goodwin-Shackelford; and her brother, Willie A. Goodwin. She leaves to cherish her memory, sister, Betty Lockart (Chattanooga, TN); three children, Deborah (Harry) Stackhouse (Lake Villa, IL), Tyrone Carter (Grand Rapids, MI), Julie Rockingham (North Chicago, IL); six grandchildren, Brent (Dary) Stackhouse, Sonja (Jason) Dewey, LeTay Stackhouse, Tikiya Carter, Danny and JaMia Rockingham; three great-grandchildren Maya and Tyson Dewey, Tyler Stackhouse and a host of adopted grandchildren, many friends and family.</p> <p>Funeral Services will be held Monday, April 9, 2007, at 12:00 Noon at Sign of the Dove Church, 424 10th St., Waukegan, IL. Pastors Harry and Deborah Stackhouse, Reverend Reginald Blount, Officiating. Visitation will be at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at North Shore Garden of Memories Cemetery, North Chicago, IL. Arrangements by BRADSHAW &amp; RANGE FUNERAL HOME, 2513 Dugdale Road, Waukegan, IL (847) 662-3553.</p> <p>Source: The News Sun, Waukegan, IL, April 7, 2007, extracted September 23, 2007.</p>
Rodriguez, Andy	<p>Andy Rodriguez, 49, of Russellville, went home to his Maker Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at his home.</p> <p>A son of the late Santiago and Andrea Sandoval Rodriguez, he was born Jan. 21, 1956, in Dimmit, Tex. He was an employee of Trinity Industries, served in the Army National Guard in the Gulf War in 1990, was a member of the Poor Boys Bass Club and Gravel Hill Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Thelma Ferguson and Belinda Epperson.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Sharlotte Rodriguez; a son, Mitch Rodriguez of Russellville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Michele and Jessie Barraza, and Megan Rodriguez, all of Russellville; his parents-in-law, Thomas and Earlene Simpson of Russellville; four brothers, Jim and Daniel Rodriguez, both of Abernathy, Texas, Emilio Almanza of Nebraska, and Michael Rodriguez of Conway; three brothers-in-law, Keith, Tom and Steve Simpson, all of Russellville; five sisters, Frances Barboza of Crosbyton, Texas, Ester Ortiz of Graham, Texas, and Alva Rodriguez, Emma Killian and Susan Guerrero, all of Crosbyton; one grandchild, Brody Barraza of Russellville; and numerous nephews and nieces.</p> <p>Funeral will be 2 p.m. Monday in the Shinn Chapel by Bill Roderick and James Miles. Arrangements are by Shinn Funeral Service.</p> <p>Honorary pallbearers will be employees of Trinity Industries and members of the Poor Boys Bass Club.</p> <p>The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.</p> <p>Source: The Courier, Russellville, AR, Aug. 16, 2005.</p>
Rodriguez, Angel Luis	<p>A Mass for Angel Luis Rodriguez, 41, of Gretna, La., a former Elizabeth resident, and a personnel man with the United States Navy, will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Church, Elizabeth. The funeral will be from the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, 2124 E. St. Georges Ave.,</p>

	<p>Linden.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez, who died Saturday in the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans, La., was a chief personnelman with the United States Navy in New Orleans since 1977. He was also stationed in Cincusnaveur, London, during Operation Desert Storm, and at the 97-99 Redcom 4 in Fort Dix.</p> <p>Mr. Rodriguez was a graduate of the University of Maryland, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.</p> <p>Born in New York City, he lived in Elizabeth before enlisting in the Navy.</p> <p>Surviving are three brothers, William, Ricardo and Miguel; his father, Nicholas Rodriguez, and wife, Carolyn C.</p> <p>Source: The Star-Ledger, Newark, NJ, Aug. 31, 2000, extracted May 28, 2007</p>
Rodriguez, Robert J.	<p>Robert J. Rodriguez went to the Lord on Thursday, August 2, 2007. He passed away in Bardstown, KY at the age of 47.</p> <p>He is survived by his wife Marci, two daughters, Madeline and Emily Rodriguez. Parents, Tony and Rose G. Rodriguez, sister Cynthia and brother-in-law Joseph S. Celia, brother A. Roland Rodriguez and niece Alana Rose Celia.</p> <p>He served honorably in Desert Storm in Iraq.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for his children's education fund. A memorial mass will be said on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at San Fernando Cathedral</p> <p>Source: San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio, TX, August 11, 2007, extracted September 28, 2007.</p>
Rodriguez, Wanda	<p>Wanda Rodriguez, 37, a former resident of Deltona, died Oct. 30, 2004, at Orlando Regional Medical Center.</p> <p>Born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, Ms. Rodriguez was disabled during her service in the U.S. Army, which included service during the first Gulf War.</p> <p>She loved music and television.</p> <p>Ms. Rodriguez is survived by her mother, Josephine Rodriguez of Orlando, one brother, Miguel Bermudez of Puerto Rico, and one sister, Brenda Rivera of Orlando.</p> <p>Deltona Memorial was in charge.</p> <p>Source: Deland Deltona Beacon, DeLand, FL, Nov. 7, 2004.</p>
Rogers, Clarence "Buck" R	<p>Rogers, Clarence "Buck" R.</p> <p>Clarence R. Buck Rogers, 37, Grand Forks, formerly of Minot, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, in Grand Forks.</p> <p>Clarence Richard Rogers was born May 31, 1963, the son of Richard and Avis (Herslip) Rogers, in Minot. They lived in Maxbass, N.D., Hanford, Calif., and</p>

	<p>later in Corcoran, Calif., where they lived until October 1965, when they moved back to Minot. They had also lived in Upham, N.D., for one year before returning to Minot. He graduated from high school in Minot in 1982. He worked for the County Health in Devils Lake. He worked as an intern and activities assistant at Trinity Medical Center and Trinity Homes in Minot from 1981 to 1991. He joined the North Dakota National Guard on May 31, 1983. After training, he returned to North Dakota, where he was a medic for the North Dakota National Guard. On June 23, 1991, he left for Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm, and returned on Nov. 1, 1991. He worked at Johnson's Landscaping from 1991 to 1993. He then worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad as a conductor until 2000. He lived in Sawyer, N.D., and then moved to Grand Forks, where he worked for a beet farmer. He married Shelley Liefson on Aug. 24, 1996, in Minot.</p> <p>He is survived by a daughter, Gillian, Minot; his parents, Minot; a sister, Wanda (Don) Tamke, Billings, Mont.; and his grandmother, Alpha Herslip-Soland, Minot.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by grandparents, Clarence Herslip and Anna and Tina Rogers.</p> <p>Services: 2 p.m. Saturday, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot.</p> <p>Visitation: Noon to 8:30 p.m. today, with a 7 p.m. prayer service, Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot.</p> <p>Burial: Rosehill Memorial Park, Minot.</p> <p>Source: Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND, Feb. 16, 2001, extracted Jun. 10, 2007</p>
<p>Rogers, Gregory S.</p>	<p>Sgt. 1st Class Gregory S. Rogers, a 42-year-old career soldier and Deer Park native, became the 22nd area serviceman to die in Iraq when a roadside bomb detonated Sunday near his Humvee in Ar Ramadi.</p> <p>"Being a soldier was what he always wanted to do, and he always did his job," said his father, Luther Rogers of West Chester.</p> <p>The soldier's father and his mother, Donna, were at their West Chester home Sunday when Army officers in dress uniform came to their door to tell them of their son's death.</p> <p>Rogers has two daughters - Chelsea, a college student in Ravenna, Ohio; and Whitney, who lives in Coraopolis, Pa.</p> <p>He grew up in Deer Park but had not lived in the Cincinnati area in recent years.</p> <p>Rogers joined the Army in 1984, not long after graduating from Deer Park High School, and was serving with the 101st Airborne Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team in Iraq when he was killed. After military postings in Hawaii and Alaska, Rogers arrived at the 101st Airborne Division's headquarters in Fort Campbell, Ky., in the fall of 2003. He had been in Iraq since last fall.</p> <p>One of the soldier's brothers, Kevin Rogers, said the family had been in frequent contact with him via e-mail since he arrived in Iraq. They exchanged e-mails</p>

	<p>with him as recently as Saturday.</p> <p>A veteran of Desert Storm in 1991, Rogers was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq since the war began in April 2003. His brother said he was in the initial invasion force. He came home later in 2003, intending to retire from the Army. But Kevin Rogers said his brother was ordered to stay in the service and ended up doing a second tour of duty.</p> <p>Rogers' death in Iraq came just days after an area Marine and 2004 Milford High School graduate, Lance Cpl. Bryan Taylor, was killed by hostile gunfire in Iraq.</p> <p>Rogers, a drill sergeant in his 22-year career in the Army, earned a host of medals and commendations, including a Meritorious Service Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Kuwait Liberation Medal and a Combat Infantry Badge.</p> <p>Rogers' fellow soldiers of the 4th Brigade plan a memorial service for him in Iraq.</p> <p>There is no information yet on when his remains will be returned to the United States.</p> <p>Source: The Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, OH, April 11, 2006, extracted September 23, 2007.</p>
Rogers, Michael E.	<p>Funeral services for Michael E. Rogers, a retired U.S. Marine Corps staff sergeant, were held today in Cedar Grove Baptist Church.</p> <p>Burial, with military honors, was in Forest Lawn.</p> <p>Rogers, 44, died Thursday (Oct. 14, 1999) at his home in Buffalo after a long illness.</p> <p>Born in Buffalo, Rogers entered the Marine Corps when he was 20 years old and received numerous commendations for exemplary service over 21 years in the military.</p> <p>On Feb. 21, 1991, while serving as a platoon sergeant in Operation Desert Storm, Rogers' company was attacked by enemy fire. Rogers directed the Marines under his command forward as he moved up and down the lines directing his company. His company responded with suppressive fire, leading the enemy to surrender.</p> <p>Rogers worked as a volunteer at the 1992 Western Olympic Trials, was a member of the Camp Pendleton (Calif.) boxing team, and commander of the guard for a camp of more than 5,600 Marines and sailors stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was also officer in charge of the nuclear, biological and chemical defense unit at Camp Pendleton and he was stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq.</p> <p>Survivors include two daughters, Neonna and Cherquinta; a son, Dartanyan; his parents, Thomas and Delores; four sisters, Vanessa Bagley and Vivian, both of Georgia, and Patricia Middlebrooks and Barbara; a brother, Donald of Stone Mountain, Ga.; and two grandchildren.</p> <p>Source: The Buffalo News, Buffalo, NY, Oct. 20, 1999, extracted July 14,</p>

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Rogers, Nathan "Nate"	<p>Rogers, Nathan "Nate"</p> <p>Nathan (Nate) Rogers Age 29, beloved son of James &amp; Brenda Rogers, died suddenly June 4, 2001 in Christiana Hospital. Loving father of Ayse Rogers. Brother of Jame Rogers &amp; Tracy Rogers. Maternal grandson of Evelyn &amp; Oliver Stroman. Also survived by a nephew, Innocent Ekwuruke a very close first cousin, Kesha Stroman 2 aunts, 2 uncles, a devoted fiancCe, Mandi Morrow a host of other cousins, family &amp; friends. Mr. Rogers worked for First USA as a fraud analyst.</p> <p>He was a Desert Storm Veteran &amp; was honorably discharged from the US Army. He was a 1990 graduate of William Penn High School. Nathan was a member of the Wilmington Drama League and was an aspiring actor &amp; model. Funeral 12 noon Fri., June 8 at Union Baptist Church, 26th &amp; Carter Sts. Viewing will be at Congo Funeral Home, 2317 N. Market St., Wilm. on Thurs. from 6-8 pm &amp; on Fri. at the church from 10-12. Burial in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please send donations in his memory to Ayse Rogers trust fund, Wilmington Trust Co., Community Plaza, Rt. 273, New Castle, DE 19720. 0000064216</p> <p>Source: The News Journal, Wilmington, DE, Jul. 5, 2001, extracted Jun. 2, 2007</p>
Rogers, Syble Ellen	<p>PELL CITY - Funeral service for Syble Ellen Rogers, 56, will be Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at Usrey Chapel, Pell City with the Rev. Shon Phillips and the Rev. Bobby Bearden officiating. Burial will be in Unity Baptist Cemetery. Ms. Rogers died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.</p> <p>She was a retired Information Management Specialist from the 117th ARW after 27 years of service. She was a Veteran of Desert Shield.</p> <p>She is survived by son, Jacob (Melanie) Rogers of Pell City; brother, Glen Simpler of Montgomery; and sisters, Mary Lee Tucker of Huntsville and Jean Craig of Georgia. Visitation will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Usrey Funeral Home in Pell City will direct the service.</p> <p>Source: The Daily Home, Talladaga, AL, Dec. 5, 2006, extracted September 23, 2007.</p>
Roland, Leonard	<p>Roland, Leonard</p> <p>Leonard Roland, a Dillard High School graduate who couldn't get into the Marines until he was drafted, rose through its ranks until he became a sergeant major, the highest enlisted rank.</p> <p>Sergeant Major Roland, 60, who retired five years ago after a 30-year military career, died at his Tallahassee home Friday after suffering a heart attack. He will be buried with military honors.</p> <p>Being a Marine had been his dream since childhood. But while he was a senior at Dillard, "he had hypertension and every time he went down to take his examination, his blood pressure was sky high," recalled his father, Walter Roland of Fort Lauderdale.</p> <p>"They turned him down twice," he said. He guessed that his son was simply</p>

	<p>very nervous about the test.</p> <p>Dejected, Sgt. Maj. Roland opted for his second choice, studying political science part-time at Florida A&amp;M University.</p> <p>But then in 1966, when he was 26 years old, the government came calling, this time ordering him to join the military, and he went through the examination again.</p> <p>"He said, 'Well, I tell you I know I'm not going to pass,'" said his father. "And then he passed 100 percent with flying colors. Now there's the funny part of it."</p> <p>Drafted in June, Sgt. Maj. Roland trained in North Carolina before being sent to Vietnam that winter. He was wounded three times.</p> <p>He reenlisted in 1968 and was assigned to a Marine Corps Air Station in Japan as an instructor. In the '70s he was assigned to sea duty aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, and he served in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.</p> <p>In addition to his father, Sgt. Maj. Roland is survived by his wife, Keytheal Roland, of Tallahassee; his mother, Georgian Roland, of Fort Lauderdale; his sons Leonard Roland, of Jacksonville, Gregory Roland, of Hollywood, and Keinan Roland, of Tallahassee; his daughter, Carla Roland Ruise of Tampa; four sisters, one brother and six grandchildren.</p> <p>The viewing will be 5 to 9 p.m. today at the Roy Mizell &amp; Kurtz Funeral Home, 1305 NW Sixth St. in Fort Lauderdale. The funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Piney Grove, 1100 NW Fourth St. in Fort Lauderdale.</p> <p>Source: South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Jul. 27, 2001, extracted Jun. 14, 2007</p>
Romine, Daniel W.	<p>Romine, Daniel W., 47, Pinellas Park, died Friday (May 5, 2000) at Hospice House Woodside. He came here in 1958 from his native Birmingham, Ala. Locally, he was owner/operator of D&amp;S Transportation and was a member of 60th Street Baptist Church and Pinellas Park Chapter Order of DeMolay. Retiring as a staff sergeant, he was in the Air Force from 1972-1992 and served during the Vietnam War and in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm.</p> <p>He received the National Defense Service Medal and Overseas Long Tour Ribbon. Survivors include his wife of six years, Shirley A.; a son, John W., and two daughters, Eva Burnett and Tammie Burnett, both of Pinellas Park; two sisters, Sandy Mailey, Pinellas Park, and Cindy Hankins, Charlotte, N.C.; and his parents, Andy and Jackie Ries, St. Petersburg. Blount, Curry &amp; Roel Funeral Homes &amp; Cemeteries, Memorial Park Chapel, St. Petersburg.</p> <p>Source: St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, FL, May 8, 2000, extracted May 26, 2007</p>
Rooney, Joseph	<p>Robert Rooney's son, Joseph, 18, lives in Plymouth, while Diane Rooney's daughter, Mandy, 21, and son, Bryan, 20, had lived with the couple in Nashua.</p>

	<p>A full-time member of the Massachusetts National Guard since 1982, Robert Rooney was also a veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>"We're anticipating a big event," Diane Rooney said. "It's for Robert - I made a promise when he died that no one would ever forget him, or the sacrifice he made for his country."</p> <p>Source: The Telegraph, Nashua, NH, Oct. 23, 2003, extracted Aug. 11, 2007</p>
<p>Roper, II, Jimmy D.</p>	<p>Jimmy D. Roper 11, 21, 1133 Landeco Lane, died Wednesday, April 14, 1993, in United Hospital from injuries sustained in a March 19, 1993, motor vehicle accident.</p> <p>Jimmy Dean Roper II was born April 12, 1972, the son of Jimmy Dean and Pamela Jo Roper, in Wichita, Kan., where he attended school. He served in Desert Storm with the Army National Guard and currently was enrolled at Northwest Technical College. Thief River Falls.</p> <p>Survivors are his father, Wichita, brothers, Aaron and Dustin, Wichita grandparents, Dorthea Carteo Joplin, MO and Mary Roper, Wichita and fiancée, Shandella Fields, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by his mother.</p> <p>Services: Will be in Wichita with the Resthaven Mortuary, Local arrangements are with Norman Funeral Home, Grand Forks.</p> <p>Source: Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND, April 17, 1993, extracted May 29, 2007.</p>
<p>Rosanky, Catherine G. "Katie"</p>	<p>Catherine Gail Rosanky: Our beloved Katie passed away Monday morning after a long struggle from a car accident. She was a native Houstonian and grew up in Spring Branch. She was a graduate of Sam Houston State University majoring in Criminal Justice. She was a probation officer until joining the Army in 1991 serving in the Gulf War in Iraq. Upon release, she chose drug counseling and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in the Woodlands. Katie is with Jesus and is being comforted by Him now. She will be greatly missed by her partner Marian Allen, daughter: Caroline, mother: Wilma Rosanky, sister: Judy and husband Andy Walters, niece: Ashley and nephews: Joshua and Dustin along with many friends and relatives. Services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005 at Trinity Episcopal Church with interment following at 3 p.m. in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Apple Springs, TX.</p> <p>Source: The Lufkin Daily News, Lufkin, TX, Feb. 2, 2005.</p>
<p>Roscoe, Charles Lindsey "Hoppie"</p>	<p>HAMPTON- U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles "Hoppie" Lindsey Roscoe, 34, a native of Chicago and a Hampton resident for 30 years, died Friday, May 21.</p> <p>Mr. Roscoe was a senior chief electronics technician stationed at the Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach and a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. A 1976 graduate of Hampton High School, he was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>Survived by his wife, Martha Jane Roscoe; two daughters, Sandra Marie Roscoe and Pamala Jane Roscoe of Hampton; his mother, Carrie S. Roscoe of Hampton; a sister, Karen Montgomery of Hampton; three brothers, Michael</p>

	<p>Roscoe of Hampton, Tony Roscoe of North Miami, Fla., and Cecil Roscoe of Charlotte, N.C.</p> <p>Visitation from 7 to 9 tonight at Lawrence B. Wood Funeral Home. Funeral 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Hampton. Burial in Parklawn Memorial Park with full military honors.</p> <p>Source: Daily Press, Newport News, VA, May 24, 1993, extracted May 29, 2007.</p>
Rosell, Tracy L.	<p>Tracy L. Rosell, 40, of 2425 Elias Ave., North Lebanon, died Saturday, April 9, 2005, from injuries she suffered in a motorcycle accident in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County. She was the wife of Robert H. Rosell Jr.</p> <p>Born March 13, 1965, in Lebanon, she was a daughter of Shirley A. Rutter Zellers of Leola and the late Gardner B. Zellers. She was formerly employed in the human resource department at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, and currently worked as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration office in North Cornwall. She was an Air Force veteran of the Gulf War, a 1983 graduate of Garden Spot High School and attended Harrisburg Area Community College. She was secretary for TOPPS and a member of Curves and the FFA State Alumni Association. She loved animals, gardening, riding motorcycles, traveling and country music.</p> <p>Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are daughter Amber D. Frank of Myerstown; son Zachary B. Rosell at home; sisters Lynette Fredo of Leola and Becky L. Huffman of Lebanon. She was preceded in death by brother Marc Zellers.</p> <p>Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main St., Annville, with visitation at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with military honors.</p> <p>Source: Lebanon Daily News, Lebanon, PA, April 12, 2005.</p>
Ross, Kenneth G.	<p>Friends and family laid to rest Army Sgt. Kenneth G. Ross Wednesday, in a service that provided "a little bit of closure" for those who knew him best.</p> <p>The 1999 Mountain View High School graduate died with four others in a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crash in Afghanistan on Sept. 25. He also served in Iraq. In addition to a full military funeral, his family received Ross' final decorations Wednesday. The 24-year-old soldier was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds during the helicopter crash, and a Bronze Star for exceptional service during Operation Enduring Freedom.</p> <p>About 90 photographs of Ross throughout his life greeted mourners as they entered St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on the Northwest Side. Many stopped to linger over the candid baby pictures, fun birthday scenes, family gatherings and professional shots of him in an Army uniform.</p> <p>More than 150 people came to the church, 8650 N. Shannon Road, to remember the life of the soldier who died "before his time," said the Rev. Mike Martinez. Army Spc. Gary Anderson Jr. met Ross in Boy Scouts when they were 10 years old. They were best friends from then on, Anderson said. Though he wanted to be in the military, Anderson said Ross was his big motivation. "He really pushed me," Anderson said. "I owe a lot to him." In an emotional speech, Anderson said he considered Ross a brother and told the Ross family they could always consider him a part of</p>

	<p>their family. When Anderson asked Ross why he wanted to join the Army, Ross said he wanted "to be one that saves a life." He said Ross idolized a crew chief who had jumped out of a Chinook helicopter to save lives, and that Ross "wanted so badly" to do the same.</p> <p>Ross joined the Army in 1999 and was a helicopter mechanic. "He not only wanted to fix helicopters but to fly," said Army Staff Sgt. John Swisher, who was deployed with Ross in Iraq. Throughout the memorial service friends and family members said Ross made the greatest sacrifice. "The greatest love that exists is when we lay down our life for another," said Martinez, who is also a chaplain in the Arizona Air National Guard. He served in some of the same areas as Ross in Iraq. "His sacrifice reflects his character." Ross' cousin Steve Kotarz said Ross at least got to live out his wish to fly in helicopters and serve his country. "Life is about finding ways to help others," Kotarz said.</p> <p>Ross' burial came with full military honors. After the traditional rifle salute, 21 doves were released at Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 N. Oracle Road. The Ross family collected the medals and the folded flag that had draped the young man's casket. "They say heroes are the ones that never come home," Anderson said. "Ken is a hero, but not one that wears a mask or a cape. Ken has been my hero." Ross' Boy Scout leader, Ken Nolan, said the young man lived the Boy Scout life of honor. He had the same positive demeanor no matter what challenges he faced, Nolan said. "No matter how long the trail or how heavy the pack, he never complained," he said. "For a moment our lives have been brightened by Ken's joyous spirit. His legacy is to leave the place a little better than he found it."</p> <p>The Ross family is asking that donations to the Kenneth G. Ross fund for the Mountain View High School band be sent to P.O. Box 89427, Tucson, AZ 85752-9427.</p> <p>Source: The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, AZ, Oct. 6, 2005, extracted Sep. 14, 2007</p>
<p>Ross, Richard K.</p>	<p>Richard Keith Ross Sr., 44, of 1085 Coldspring Road, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, at his home of heart failure.</p> <p>Born Aug. 2, 1961, in Chambersburg, Pa., he was the son of Doris Jones Ross of Chambersburg and the late Richard R. Ross.</p> <p>He attended Chambersburg High School and received his G.E.D. while in the military.</p> <p>He was a truck driver for Shippensburg (Pa.) Auto Auction, retiring in 2001.</p> <p>He served in the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Army National Guard in Waynesboro, Pa., during the Persian Gulf War.</p> <p>He served as a volunteer firefighter with the Mercersburg (Pa.) Fire Co. and the Mont Alto (Pa.) Fire Co.</p> <p>In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Priscilla Ann Shockey Ross, whom he married Nov. 2, 1991; one daughter, Amber N. Ross of Carlisle, Pa.; three sons, Alan Kendall of Walnut Bottom, Pa., Richard K. Ross Jr. of Carlisle, Pa., and Corey R. Ross of Fayetteville; two brothers, Randy Ross of Maryland and Timothy Ross of Chambersburg; one half sister, Adrian</p>

	<p>Fickes of Shippensburg; three grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by one half sister, Susan Ross.</p> <p>Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home in Waynesboro. The Rev. Donald L. Bender will officiate. Burial will be in Chambersburg Cemetery Company, (Norland Cemetery), with military graveside services by Charles Nitterhouse VFW Post 1599 Honor Guard of Chambersburg.</p> <p>The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home, 50 S. Broad St., Waynesboro, PA 17268.</p> <p>Source: The Morning Herald/The Daily Mail, Hagerstown, MD, Dec. 22, 2005.</p>
<p>Ross, Ricky L.</p>	<p>Ricky Lynn Ross, Blackwell resident, died Monday afternoon, Nov. 15, 2004, at his home. He was 54.</p> <p>Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Roberts and Son Funeral Home of Blackwell.</p> <p>Ricky Lynn Ross was born April 30, 1950, in Wichita, Kan., the son of Willard Merle and Freda Faye Coffey Ross. At the age of three years he moved with his family to Blackwell. He grew up there and attended Blackwell public schools graduating in 1969.</p> <p>After graduation he entered the United States Army serving for four years during the Vietnam War. Following his discharge he furthered his education at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. He then entered the United States Navy serving as an aircraft electrician on an aircraft carrier and served during the Persian Gulf War. Following his discharge in the early 1990s he returned to Blackwell to make his home.</p> <p>He was employed by Pioneer Aviation in Ponca City and the C-Mart store in Blackwell. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Blackwell. He enjoyed electronics.</p> <p>Survivors include his sister, Carrol Belair of Blackwell, and three brothers, Larry Brown and Earl Ross, both of Blackwell, and Steven Ross of San Diego, Calif.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Connie Reames.</p> <p>Source: The Ponca City News, Ponca City, OK, Nov. 16, 2005.</p>
<p>Rossi, Marie</p>	<p>Rossi, Marie</p> <p><b>MOURNERS HAIL FEMALE PILOT WHO LED MISSION INTO IRAQ</b></p> <p>On a sunny, windswept hillside where the cherry trees are budding, the Army gave a final salute Monday to Maj. Marie Rossi.</p> <p>Ten days after Maj. Rossi's Chinook helicopter crashed onto a stormy desert half a world away, her husband kissed the folded flag that had covered the casket at Arlington National Cemetery. He was able to do a tough job without being a tough person," the Rossi family recalled in a prepared statement. "We</p>

	<p>will always remember Marie as the girl and woman who made us laugh."</p> <p>The nation knew her as a pilot, widely interviewed on television after she led a helicopter squadron on a supply mission into Iraq on the opening day of the Desert Storm ground war.</p> <p>That flight for the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division had taken her as close to being a combat participant as any American woman has ever officially gone. Afterward, the 32-year-old pilot had downplayed any historical significance. "I think if you talk to the women who are professionals in the military, we see ourselves as soldiers," Maj. Rossi told CNN. "We don't really see it as man vs. woman. What I am doing is no greater or less than the man who is flying next to me or in back of me."</p> <p>Indeed, three male crew members died with her when their helicopter hit an unlighted microwave tower on March 1.</p> <p>"Non-hostile death" is how the Army classified it. By custom and law, military women are not supposed to hold jobs "which by doctrine, mission or battlefield location invite the highest probability of combat action."</p> <p>She was one of six American women to die during Operation Desert Storm. In all of America's wars, "the total number of women killed is less than 1,000," said retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, president of the Women in Military Service of America Foundation.</p> <p>On a blustery March afternoon, Maj. Rossi was buried with full military honors - a horsedrawn caisson carrying her coffin, seven riflemen firing three volleys, a solitary bugler blowing taps to end it all.</p> <p>Her husband, Chief Warrant Officer John A. Cayton, is also an Army pilot. Among the hundreds of mourners were men and women in an assortment of uniforms.</p> <p>"It is not as important for us to remember her as a pilot and soldier as it is for us to remember the compassionate and gentle person whose warmth and sense of humor brought out the best of us," the Rossi family said.</p> <p>Source: Long Beach Press-Telegram, Long Beach, CA, March 12, 1991, extracted May 23, 2007</p>
<p>Roth, John Holland</p>	<p>John Holland Roth, 56, Lenexa, KS, died March 24, 1999, at his residence. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Air National Guard, 190th Refueling Group.</p> <p>The family suggests memorials to the ALS Foundation, 8340 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66206, or Kansas City Hospice.</p> <p>John was born in St. Joseph, MO, attended local schools and graduated from Kemper Military School, and attended Junior College and the University of Wisconsin, where he was a member of Sigma Chi.</p> <p>He was employed for 30 years at Butler Paper Co., Lenexa, retiring in 1995. For over 35 years, he was a member of the Air National Guard, and achieved the rank of master sergeant in the 190th Refueling Group at Forbes Field,</p>

	<p>Topeka. He served in the Gulf War during Operation Desert Storm, and received the Air Medal, among other awards. John was preceded in death by his father, John H. Roth III; his paternal grandparents, John Jr. and Blanche; his maternal grandparents, Thomas P. and Anne Holland; and numerous aunts and uncles. He married Muriel Adams in July, 1996, and she survives of the home. Other survivors include two daughters, Amy Roth, Lawrence, KS, and Ashley Roth, Kansas City, MO; two stepdaughters, Teri Adams, Kansas City, MO, (Family Chapel of Lenexa)</p> <p>Source: The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, MO, March 26, 1999, extracted July 14, 2007</p>
<p>Roy, Eldridge L</p>	<p>ROY, Eldridge L. Age 41, passed away at his Englewood home on Sunday, March 19, 2006. He is preceded in death by his parents Hasting and Lucille Roy, two sisters Annie Lee Stewart and Ruby Melvin, and daughter Ashley Roy. He is survived by his loving wife Kelly Nicole Roy, children Nikeasha and Shasha Roy, Breana Manchess, and son Whitney Clark, grandmother Martha Andres, sisters Virginia Arnold (Larry) and Evonne Lyons (Larry), two brothers Ben Stewart and Hasting Roy, Jr. (Janice), mother and father-in-law Dr. Tricia Montoya and Gregory Manchess, god children Kayla Hunt and Quentin Cooper, aunt Elnora Walker, nephew Quenton Walker, and numerous extended family and close friends. Eldridge Roy was born on August 25, 1964, in Dayton, and graduated from Patterson High School in 1982. He was a Gulf War Naval veteran and worked as a Phlebotomist and an EKG Tech at Grand View Hospital. Services for Eldridge will be held 7:00 PM Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Baker/Hazel &amp; Snider Funeral Home, 5555 Philadelphia Dr. at N. Main St. Rev. Browning will officiate. The family will be receiving friends from 5-7 PM Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton.</p> <p>Source: Dayton Daily News, Dayton, Ohio, March 21, 2006.</p>
<p>Roy, Eldridge L.</p>	<p>ROY, Eldridge L. Age 41, passed away at his Englewood home on Sunday, March 19, 2006. He is preceded in death by his parents Hasting and Lucille Roy, two sisters Annie Lee Stewart and Ruby Melvin, and daughter Ashley Roy. He is survived by his loving wife Kelly Nicole Roy, children Nikeasha and Shasha Roy, Breana Manchess, and son Whitney Clark, grandmother Martha Andres, sisters Virginia Arnold (Larry) and Evonne Lyons (Larry), two brothers Ben Stewart and Hasting Roy, Jr. (Janice), mother and father-in-law Dr. Tricia Montoya and Gregory Manchess, god children Kayla Hunt and Quentin Cooper, aunt Elnora Walker, nephew Quenton Walker, and numerous extended family and close friends. Eldridge Roy was born on August 25, 1964, in Dayton, and graduated from Patterson High School in 1982. He was a Gulf War Naval veteran and worked as a Phlebotomist and an EKG Tech at Grand View Hospital. Services for Eldridge will be held 7:00 PM Thursday, March 23, 2006, at Baker/Hazel &amp; Snider Funeral Home, 5555 Philadelphia Dr. at N. Main St. Rev. Browning will officiate. The family will be receiving friends from 5-7 PM Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Dayton.</p> <p>Source: Dayton Daily News, Dayton, OH, March 21, 2006.</p>
<p>Rucker, Charles "Tony", III</p>	<p>Rucker, Charles "Tony", III</p> <p>Stranded on a high section of Interstate 10 just before dawn Saturday, watching the water creep up from both sides, Chris Rucker worried not for himself but</p>

	<p>for his family.</p> <p>He got home only after a daylong odyssey in which he stalled his car and had to wade through the murky water that reached near his neck. Still, he was too late. By the time he reached the house in a neighborhood of far east Houston, his mother, Betty, 52, and brother, Charles "Tony" Rucker III, 30, were long dead of electrocution.</p> <p>The trek was even longer for Charles Jr. After desperately trying to get home in the early dark of Saturday morning, he eventually gave up and waited outside a fast-food restaurant a couple of miles from home, where he was stranded more than 24 hours. Frustrated, he watched boats go by, picked at his cold food and reflexively redialed a home phone number he knew to be dead.</p> <p>Charles Rucker Jr. did not learn about the death of his wife and son until late Sunday morning, more than a day after it happened.</p> <p>Though friends tell them it is absurd to blame themselves, the two surviving Ruckers have gone through meticulous recollections of the events of that weekend, wondering what they could have done differently.</p> <p>"I let my family down," said Chris Rucker, 32, night emergency-room supervisor at West Oaks Hospital. "If I had been there, this wouldn't have happened."</p> <p>Neighbors last saw Tony and Betty Rucker about 3 a.m. Saturday, when the floodwaters had reached nearly waist deep in parts of their neighborhood near Hunting Bayou. The bodies were found next to each other in Tony's room. Betty was electrocuted when she grabbed an antenna. Neighbors believe Tony reached out to help his mother, electrocuting himself with the current running through her body.</p> <p>Betty was a gentle woman who prayed for world peace, gave cash to the homeless and was known to kids in the neighborhood as "Aunt Betty." Tony was a Marine war veteran who never went to work without telling his mother that he loved her. He worked in the shipping department of a manufacturing company where his father also worked.</p> <p>The house is now in ruins, and the Ruckers spent much of the past week salvaging mementos of a united family - the commendations Tony received for his service during Operation Desert Storm, the water-damaged photos going back to Charles and Betty Rucker's childhoods in Memphis in the 1950s.</p> <p>Still, the sharpest memories are of last weekend.</p> <p>"That day -- that rain -- ruined my life," said Chris Rucker. "I could win the lottery, get married, have kids, and I will still never be happy again. I'm not giving up. I plan to go on doing my best to succeed in every way I can, to make them proud. But I really have nothing to look forward to."</p> <p>Source: Houston Chronicle, Houston, TX, Jun. 17, 2001, extracted Jun. 14, 2007</p>
Rudnick, Robert	Rudnick, Robert

	<p>Robert Rudnick, 45, Rugby, died Saturday, March 8, 1997, in Trinity Medical Center, Minot.</p> <p>Robert Rudnick was born July 20, 1951, the son of Frank and Isabelle Rudnick, in Harvey, N.D. He graduated from Anamoose (N.D.) High School in 1969. He attended Minot State College. He joined the U.S. Army in 1970. He joined the North Dakota Army Reserve until retiring as a staff sergeant in 1993. He worked as a mail clerk in Korea. In January 1991, he was called to active duty and served in Operation Desert Storm. He worked for Kemper Construction, Minot. In July 1973, he began a career in Postal Service, Fargo, as a distribution clerk and transferred to Minot in February 1978, where he worked as a distribution clerk and accounting technician. In May 1982, he moved to Bismarck to work as a safety specialist and supervisor of distribution until April 1994, when he moved to Rugby. He became the postmaster in Rugby, serving until his death. He married Roberta "Birdie" Forschen April 19, 1974, in Anamoose.</p> <p>He is survived by his wife; daughters, Jenelle Rudnick, Bismarck and Jennifer, Rugby; a son, Joel, Rugby; his mother, Anamoose; and sisters, Faith Podolski, Judy Boley, and Cindy Rudnick; all of Minot, and Clara Ann Mayer and Gloria Engen, both of Anamoose.</p> <p>He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Leroy.</p> <p>Services: 11 a.m. Wednesday in Little Flower Catholic Church, Rugby.</p> <p>Visitation: 1 to 9 p.m. today, with a 7:30 p.m. rosary, in Niewoehner Funeral Home, Rugby.</p> <p>Burial: Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery, Anamoose.</p> <p>Source: Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND, March 11, 1997, extracted June 25, 2007.</p>
<p>Rudolph, Seni</p>	<p>Seni Rudolph was born on September 8, 1951, in Bangkok, Thailand. He attended Assumption Catholic High School in Bangkok, then came to USA in 1971.</p> <p>He finished his Associate in Arts &amp; Sciences in Fort Steilacoom Community College in Tacoma, and his bachelor's degree from Central Washington University.</p> <p>He graduated Master of Education from Heritage College.</p> <p>He worked for Westinghouse, then Flour Hanford and retired in 2003. He served in Gulf War in 1990 and retired from the Army National Guard in 1998 after completing 20 years of service.</p> <p>Seni is survived by his wife, Wanna Rudolph; children, Rajan, Joy, Cathy, Rama and Angelina; mother, Srisa-ang of Bangkok; brother, Laurence Senirajjangkul of Seattle; nieces, Robin and Roxanne; sisters-in-law, Panida Senirajjangkul and Sandy Williams.</p> <p>Seni and family are members of Christ the King Catholic Church and he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.</p> <p>There will be a memorial Mass at the Christ the King Catholic Church in Richland on Tuesday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Seni Rudolph education fund, Bank of America for the benefit of the minor children ages 11, 7 and 5.</p> <p>Source: Tri-City Herald, Pasco, WA, April 18, 2004</p>

<p>Rullman, Mark David</p>	<p>MORTON -- Memorial services for Capt. Mark David Rullman, 30, of the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., for merly of Morton, who was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m. Tues day, Sept. 7, 1993, will be at 4 p.m. Monday at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Peoria Heights. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. He died from injuries suffered in a helicopter collision during a routine training exercise at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif.</p> <p>He was born Nov. 5, 1962, in Landstuhl, Germany, to David C. and Anne O'Brien Rullman.</p> <p>Surviving are his parents of Dunlap; one sister, Karen, and one brother, Brien, both of Chicago.</p> <p>He attended Morton High School. In 1986, he graduated from Kent State University in Ohio, where he was commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps.</p> <p>He was an AH-1W pilot in the HMLA Squadron, which served for seven months in Desert Storm on the USS Nassau.</p> <p>Arrangements are by Arlington Funeral Home in Arlington, Va.</p> <p>Memorials may be made to Kent State University scholarship fund.</p> <p>Source: The Peoria Journal Star, Peoria, IL, Sept. 10, 1993, extracted May 29, 2007.</p>
<p>Runger, David Allen</p>	<p>The funeral for Navy Chief Petty Officer David Allen Runger, who died Dec. 29 in San Clemente, Calif., will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel.</p> <p>Mr. Runger, 44, died of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease. At the time of his death, he was on active duty, assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., as a Seabee.</p> <p>He was born March 22, 1948, at Portsmouth, Va., and was a Vancouver resident from 1960 to 1986. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm. He had served as a high priest of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.</p> <p>He is survived by his wife, Jewell of San Clemente; mother, Hazel Runger of San Clemente; a son, Donald, and a daughter, Michelle, both of San Clemente; brothers, Bill and John Runger, both of Vancouver; sisters, Jean Sherman of Brush Prairie, and Betty Kimball and Mae Dobson, both of Vancouver.</p> <p>Burial will be in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.</p> <p>Source: The Oregonian, Portland, OR, Jan. 6, 1993, extracted May 29, 2007.</p>
<p>Rup, Eugene "Jim"</p>	<p>Rup, Eugene "Jim"</p> <p>Eugene "Jim" Rup, 56, of 38 Christian Lane, a 34-year employee in the physical hospital department at The Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, died Saturday in Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.</p> <p>Born in Northampton, he was a 1956 graduate of Deerfield High School.</p>

	<p>He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a 20-year master sergeant in the Air Force Reserve, serving with the 74th Air Evacuation Squadron, which was activated during Operation Desert Storm. He was a member of the Air Medical Squadron.</p> <p>He was a former town assessor, a Little League coach for many years, and a member of the American Legion.</p> <p>He leaves his wife, the former Patricia Harubin; a son, Jeffrey of Boston; a daughter, Christie Rockey of Maynard; two brothers, Joseph of Whately and John of Chicopee; five sisters, Anna Richmond of Springfield, Antoinette Adamski and Wanda Helstowski of Whately, Edna Bartos and Romana Nieskoski of South Deerfield.</p> <p>The funeral will be Wednesday morning at Drozdal Funeral Home in South Deerfield and in St. Stanislaus Church, with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday afternoon and evening.</p> <p>Source: Union-News, Springfield, MA, Sept. 19, 1994, extracted June 15, 2007.</p>
Ruple, Donna M.	<p>Donna M. Ruple, 37, of the 6100 block of Lockwood Lane, died Sept. 12, 1999, at a local hospital. She was born in Pennsylvania and was a U.S. Navy veteran of Desert Storm.</p> <p>Survivors include her husband, Darryl Ruple; two daughters, Stephanie Adams and Shioban Adams, both of Virginia Beach; two sisters, Christine Rodeback and Helen Brown, both of Pennsylvania; and a brother, John Trout of Florida.</p> <p>A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Indian River Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.</p> <p>Source: The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, VA, Sept. 16, 1999, extracted July 12, 2007.</p>
Ruppright, David Michael	<p>Ruppright, David Michael</p> <p>David Michael Ruppright, 34, of 249 Esther Lane, died early Thursday, May 31, 2001 in an auto accident on Ohio 37 about two miles east of Findlay.</p> <p>He was born Aug. 23, 1966 in Findlay to Gary Butch and Nancy (Fox) Ruppright, and they survive in rural Mount Cory. He married Cheryl Pergram, and they divorced.</p> <p>Other survivors include two brothers, Rick of Rawson; Peter PJ of Mount Cory; and grandparents Tom and Rosemary Fox, Arlington.</p> <p>Mr. Ruppright worked at Ball Metal, and had previously worked at National Carbonics (formerly Union Carbide), Fostoria.</p> <p>He was a U.S. Marine veteran who served from 1986-1990 in the Persian Gulf, Operation Desert Shield, and Okinawa.</p> <p>Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Routson Funeral Chapel,</p>

	<p>the Rev. Perry Prosch officiating. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery, with military rites to be conducted by Arlington VFW Post 4510.</p> <p>Visitation will be held from 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.</p> <p>Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.</p> <p>Source: The Courier, Findlay, OH, Jun. 1, 2001, extracted Jun. 15, 2007</p>
<p>Rush, Scott A.</p>	<p><b>RICHFIELD NATIVE MISSING IN ACTION</b></p> <p>A Navy flier whom friends described as proud of his work is missing in the Persian Gulf War and a Blaine man serving in the Army is dead in an accident in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>A U.S. Army spokesman said Sunday that Pfc. Scott A. Rush, 19, was one of two soldiers killed Saturday in Saudi Arabia when their sandbag bunker collapsed.</p> <p>The missing man is Lt. Charles Turner, 29, a bombardier-navigator for an A-6 airplane.</p> <p>Rush was a member of B Company, 317th Engineer Battalion, 7th Engineer Brigade. The unit had been deployed from Germany on Nov. 8 as part of Operation Desert Shield, now Operation Desert Storm.</p> <p>Friends said Scott Rush joined the Army in 1989 after graduating a trimester early from Spring Lake Park High School. He saw enlisting as a way of achieving his dream of becoming an engineer, said David Graham, who had been a classmate of Rush's.</p> <p>"After the service, he wanted to go into engineering," he said.</p> <p>Another friend, Dan Selander of Blaine, said Rush seemed to know nearly everyone at the high school.</p> <p>"When you'd first meet him, he'd strike you as a shy person, but he wasn't really shy at all. He was a fun-loving guy," Selander said.</p> <p>Rush was a member of the high school vocational education club. Adviser Francis Bussey said Rush was a capable student who was well-liked.</p> <p>"My opinion of him was that he was proud to be an American," Bussey said. "He was not afraid to speak out for the things he thought were right."</p> <p>He wrote a letter dated Dec. 31 to a friend from Spring Lake Park High School in which he contemplated the possibility of death in the desert.</p> <p>"It is a weird feeling, looking around at friends and just people I know, wondering who is going to die, hoping it is not you, then again hoping it is you rather than a good friend," Rush wrote.</p> <p>"You have people that are glad to be here, saying we're going to get ribbons and combat patches. You just want to hit them. I just want to make it back," he wrote.</p> <p>Rush's mother and father now live in Colorado, Selander said.</p>

Turner's parents, Lowell and Helene Turner, told reporters on Sunday that they did not want to say much, fearing that if he is now a captive, information about him could be used somehow against him.

Turner's mother, Helene, said, "We have been officially notified he is missing in action."

With her voice breaking, she added, "We're very proud of him and what he stands for, and we're praying for his safety."

Turner said her son, a 1979 graduate of Richfield High School and a 1984 history graduate of the University of Minnesota, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger.

His mother said Turner is the youngest of four brothers. Friends said Turner got married in September 1989 in a military wedding at Fort Snelling, and he and his wife now have a 6-month-old son.

Helene Turner said the family is reluctant to give much information about their son for fear that it could be used by Iraqi forces.

"If he's captured, we just don't know what information they could use," she said. "The Navy has told us to be discreet.

"He's just a very special person," she added.

Turner was one of a group of close-knit friends who were on the high school wrestling team, which Turner captained.

Some of Turner's buddies were in a fish house on Mille Lacs Lake on Saturday night when one of their parents heard about Turner being listed as missing in action. The parent called the resort and a got a message relayed to the men.

"We were all pretty much bummed out. We had just been talking about him, earlier on. We didn't get much fishing done after that," said Dave Vogelgesang.

Another friend, who asked not to be identified, said Turner had sent them a note around Christmas from the Philippines, stating that he was about to be sent to the Persian Gulf.

"We're pretty fearful, but we have hope," the friend said.

"He was very proud to serve. He's mentioned that a few times," Vogelgesang said.

Warren Camp, who coached Turner in high school and junior high school, also said Turner wrote him this Christmas from sea.

"He had indicated that he was very concerned and felt that combat was probable, and he was very concerned with that. But he felt that they all were professionals and they would do the job," Camp said. "He's the kind of kid when you talked to him, he always had a smile on his face."

Richard Maas, Richfield High School principal, said Turner was a "very bright, very good student, a good kid."

He said during visits back to his high school, Turner conveyed his pride of

	<p>what he is doing for his country.</p> <p>"He enjoyed it. He loved it. And he was good at it," Maas said.</p> <p>The A-6E Intruder, a carrier-based all-weather, low-level bomber, has a crew of two: a pilot and a bombardier-navigator. As the bombardier-navigator, Turner runs the weapons system on the jet, models of which have been used since 1964.</p> <p>Source: St. Paul Pioneer Press, St Paul, MN, Jan. 21, 1991, extracted May 25, 2007.</p>
<p>Rushton, Dwayne E. "Ponch"</p>	<p>Dwayne Eddie "Ponch" Rushton, 42, of La Grande died Dec. 12 in Boise following an automobile accident in Baker County. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Daniels Chapel of the Valley.</p> <p>Mr. Rushton was born March 21, 1961, in The Dalles, and graduated from high school in Maupin. He served with the Army during the Gulf War and was very proud of his military service.</p> <p>In 1986 he moved to Cove with his two sons and raised them by himself. He later moved to Ukiah and then to Stevenson, Wash. He moved to La Grande a year ago.</p> <p>Mr. Rushton owned and operated the Designated Driver Taxi Service for a time and was an accomplished auto mechanic. He will be remembered for his generosity and helpfulness to others. Every year he donated his hair to the children at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and even got others to join in the donation.</p> <p>Survivors include his wife, Melva Walker Rushton of La Grande; children, Anthony Rushton of Salem, Brett Walker, David Johnson and Buddy Johnson, all of La Grande, and Johnny Valincia of Echo; father and stepmother, Ed and Patricia Rushton of Goldendale, Wash.; one grandson; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Rushton, in 2002.</p> <p>Memorial contributions may be made to the Doernbecher Hospital in care of Daniels Chapel of the Valley, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande 97850.</p> <p>Source: The La Grande Observer, La Grande, OR, Dec. 29, 2003.</p>
<p>Russ, Leonard Allen Sr.</p>	<p>PLEASANTVILLE - Services for Leonard Allen Russ Sr. of West Wright Street, who died Feb. 14 while serving in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, will be held Wednesday with full military honors.</p> <p>Mr. Russ was a first sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Special Forces (the Green Berets). He had served in the Army for eight years and was Airborne. He received two Good Conduct Medals, an Army Service Ribbon, a citation for overseas service, a Non-Commissioned Officer Special Development Citation, an Army Commendation Medal, and two Army Achievement Medals.</p> <p>Sgt. 1st Class Russ was a member of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church and attended the church most of his life. He formerly lived in Atlantic City and was a Pleasantville resident most of his life. He was born in Newport, R.I.</p>

	<p>Surviving are his wife, Valeria; two sons, Shabakka and Leonard Jr., all of Garland, N.C.; his parents, Charles and Mary Russ of Pleasantville; two brothers, Charles and David, both of Pleasantville; and four sisters, Carol Turner, Christine Perry, Patricia McKinnis and Barbara Rodgers, all of Pleasantville.</p> <p>Services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the St. James A.M.E. Church, New York and Arctic avenues, Atlantic City. Full military burial with honors will follow at the Atlantic City Cemetery, Pleasantville. Final viewing will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are by the Greenidge Funeral Home, Atlantic City.</p> <p>Source: The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NJ, Feb. 23, 1991</p>
<p>Russell, Kay L. K.</p>	<p>CARLISLE -- Kay L.K. Russell, 35, of Carlisle died Wednesday of injuries suffered in a traffic accident on Interstate 81 in Southampton Twp., Cumberland County.</p> <p>She was registered nurse with Carlisle Hospital's Intermediate Intensive Care Unit; a former nurse with the Oklahoma Air National Guard; and a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Provide Comfort in Turkey in 1991 and of Somalia, 1992-93. She was a graduate of Texas A&amp;M University and of Cameron University, Lawton, Okla.</p> <p>Surviving are her husband, Col. Ronald C. Russell; a daughter, Veronika, and a son, Joshua, both at home; a stepdaughter, Jamie of Central Point, Ore.; her mother, Earlynn Kolbo of Gretna, Neb.; her father, Gerald Kolbo of North Loup, Neb.; two brothers, Lee Kolbo of Lincoln, Neb., and Kenneth Kolbo of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and five sisters, Irene Bomberger of Mountain Grove, Mo., Laura Fellman of Elkhorn, Neb., Carol Garrett of Tomball, Texas, Lynn Bryce of Houston and Ann Colgrove of Papillion, Neb.</p> <p>Memorial services were held Friday in Carlisle Barracks Chapel. Burial, with full military honors, was in Arlington National Cemetery.</p> <p>Hoffman-Roth Funeral Home handled arrangements.</p> <p>Memorial contributions may be made to the Gretna School Foundation, c/o Earlynn Kolbo, P.O. Box 327, Gretna, NE 68028.</p> <p>Source: The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, PA, May 29, 1999, extracted July 12, 2007.</p>
<p>Ruth, Bill</p>	<p>Ruth, Bill</p> <p>The phone call came early Wednesday morning at work.</p> <p>The message was one I had feared: Bill Ruth was among the missing in the wreckage at the Pentagon. "I haven't heard from him, but I am trying to stay hopeful," said his girlfriend, Darlene Claypool, returning my Tuesday night call to Bill's home in Mount Airy, Md. Numb as I was from Tuesday's tragedy, her words dazed me even more.</p> <p>Please God, not Bill Ruth. We've been pals for more than 30 years, and flashbacks of that friendship have been coming and going all week. Holding</p>

	<p>Bill's first son as godfather. Welcoming him back from the Gulf War. Partying at the Beowulf, our favorite Washington, D.C., haunt, where the DJ played a lot of this new guy named Springsteen. "Seems like yesterday," said Jay Rentz, a Washington, D.C., detective and another old cohort of ours. I met Bill my junior year at Bowling Green State University in the fall of 1969. He was back from Vietnam, where he saw combat as a Marine helicopter pilot. I'll never forget the little black-and-white photo, showing a lean young Marine in his fatigues alongside his Huey helicopter.</p> <p>"My hero shot," Bill jokingly called it. He looked like my dad, Jim, a Marine in the South Pacific during World War II. We enjoyed the same things and became fast friends. Ohio State football was one of them. For his wedding gift years after graduation, I gave him a framed photo of Woody Hayes, personally autographed by the Buckeye coaching legend.</p> <p>"Still got it," Bill said when he called me about his new job as an Army warrant officer at the Pentagon. He had retired from teaching in Montgomery County, Md. Looking at the building's rubble on last week's newscasts, knowing he was still in there, has been difficult. This is not how a guy who dodged Viet Cong rocket fire on medevac missions is supposed to die. Others who have known and loved Bill feel the same. "He survived Vietnam," his ex-wife, Georgette, said from Mount Airy. "He's not going to let some terrorists finish him off."</p> <p>I pray not. I owe him so much. When I was out of work in the mid-'70s, he let me move into his condo. When I had surgery, he and Georgette, a nurse, cared for me. And what greater privilege can a first-time father bestow on a friend than ask him to be godfather. When young Chad Ruth died in a car accident two years ago, it hit me hard. His dad's probable fate is even more painful to contemplate. One of my favorite memories is when Bill returned from the Gulf War. His National Guard unit had been activated for Desert Storm and, at 47, he was having second thoughts before shipping off to Saudi Arabia. "I already went to war once," he said. "I'm getting too old for this."</p> <p>Well, Bill made it back OK, tanned and several pounds lighter since there was no beer for American troops out of respect for Islamic custom. We made up for it at his homecoming bash. I'll never forget the hero's welcome he received that Monday morning at Baker Junior High in Damascus, Md., where he taught science. The gym was packed, decorated in red, white and blue, and a hush fell over the crowd as the female glee club serenaded him. As they sang, each girl presented Bill with a yellow rose. Our tears fell freely.</p> <p>"Nothing like that ever happened to me when I came back from 'Nam," he said afterward. If it is to be that Bill is gone, I will weep again for my fallen friend.</p> <p>Source: The Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, FL, Sep. 16, 2001, extracted Jun. 15, 2007</p>
Rutledge, Leonard Jr.	<p>Funeral for retired Staff Sgt. Leonard Rutledge Jr., 48, Lawton, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel.</p> <p>Mr. Rutledge died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, in Lawton.</p> <p>Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.</p>

	<p>He was born July 22, 1957, in Washington, D.C., to Leonard Rutledge Sr. and Nell Hughes Rutledge. When he was a small child, he and his family moved to Heath Springs, S.C. where he graduated from high school in 1975. He joined the Army on Oct. 12, 1976, and served in the Gulf War, Korea, Kuwait, and Germany. He received many medals and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze Service stars, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award), Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle and Hand Grenade Bars. After retiring from the Army on Oct. 31, 1996, he received his associate degree in business from Blair University in Colorado Springs, Colo. He worked at Burlington Coat Factory as store manager.</p> <p>Survivors include his mother, Heath Springs; a daughter, Kimberly Rutledge, Lawton; his former wife, Micha Rutledge, Lawton; a brother, Michael Hughes, Heath Springs; and two sisters: Regina, Heath Springs; and Anna, Buffalo, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his father.</p> <p>Source: The Lawton Constitution, Lawton, OK, Dec. 7, 2005.</p>
<p>Ryan, James Warren</p>	<p><b>DR. JAMES WARREN RYAN, DEDICATED ARMY VETERAN</b>  Among the young soldiers called into action for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991 was an Army man who had paid his dues long ago.</p> <p>But the veteran, Dr. James Warren Ryan, didn't see it that way. After risking his life jumping out of airplanes into the jungles of Bolivia in the 1960s and later building a successful career in nuclear medicine, Dr. Ryan still felt obligated to put his medical expertise to use for his country.</p> <p>For nine months, he worked with a small medical team in northern Iraq, caring for the troops and helping the community re-establish itself afterward.</p> <p>"He just wanted to serve people no matter where they were. He was a giving, serving type of person, empathetic and a really good physician," said Dr. Richard Reba, a professor of radiology at the University of Chicago.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan, a retired colonel for the U.S. Army Reserves and chief of nuclear medicine at the U. of C., died Tuesday of cancer in his Hyde Park home. He was 64.</p> <p>A native of Alaska, Dr. Ryan earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Montana and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1959.</p> <p>While serving as a group surgeon and instructor for an Army special forces training group from 1961 through 1965 in Panama, he saw tropical diseases claim scores of lives. Wanting to learn more about the eradication of disease, he earned a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University and served out a fellowship in tropical virology there.</p> <p>In the 1970s, his interest shifted to nuclear medicine, which was then a developing field that involved seeking out better diagnoses for illnesses. He became an assistant professor of nuclear medicine at the U. of C. in 1978 and was an expert in the detection of cancer regrowth, including colon, breast,</p>

	<p>prostate and ovarian, as well as melanomas.</p> <p>Colleagues describe him as a disciplined and intense researcher and a physician who incorporated his rigorous Army training into his work.</p> <p>Colleagues describe him as a disciplined and intense researcher and a physician who incorporated his rigorous Army training into his work.</p> <p>"The Army provided what Jim sought in himself and everyone else. It provided structure and rewarded you for following the rules . . . and it was second nature to him. He loved it, he respected it and he carried all those characteristics into his professional and personal life. And he was highly successful at it," said Dr. Malcolm Cooper, a U. of C. professor.</p> <p>Although Dr. Ryan's work in Iraq was grueling and required him to sacrifice a relatively comfortable life in Chicago, family and friends said he was open to the challenge. A tall, strong man, he relished the chance to test himself physically and emotionally, his wife, Diana, said.</p> <p>"Jim was very straightforward," she said. "It was just a matter of duty and personal honor and service to the country."</p> <p>Even after retiring from the Army Reserves several years ago, he still visited the Homewood office, where his unit was based, to volunteer, said Master Sgt. Charles Cooper.</p> <p>"That's just the way he was," Cooper said. "He was a super guy who was always here to help whenever he could."</p> <p>In addition to his wife, Dr. Ryan is survived by a sister, Sister Janet Ryan.</p> <p>Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, with a funeral mass following at 10 a.m. Both will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5472 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago.</p> <p>Source: Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL, Feb. 4, 1999, extracted July 12, 2007.</p>
<p>Ryan, Marc A.</p>	<p>Marc A. Ryan, 34, of Syracuse, passed away suddenly on Saturday (September 4, 2004) at Sixberry Lake.</p> <p>Marc was born in Watertown, NY. Marc was the superintendent of streets, employed by the City of Syracuse Dept. of Public Works. Marc was the Elders Quorum President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He coached basketball at St. Patrick's School and West End PBA T-Ball.</p> <p>Marc was a Navy veteran of Operation Desert Storm and served aboard the USS Whipple and USS Harold E. Holt FF- 1074.</p> <p>Marc is survived by his wife of 10 years, Anne Ryan, and their children, Abigail Leigh Ryan and John Paul Ryan; mother, Susan Cuckler; stepfather, Robert David Ryan of Beaver Falls, NY; grandfather, Harold Cole of Star Lake; brother, Bob Ryan of Syracuse; maternal grandmother, Glennora Galloway of Roanoke, VA; several aunts, uncles and cousins.</p> <p>Services: Thursday 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 801 East Colvin Street, Syracuse. Calling Hours: Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. at Hollis Funeral Home, 1105 W. Genesee St., Syracuse. Burial with military</p>

honors will be in Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Syracuse.

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