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### **George R. Blasco**

7 December 1922 – 15 February 2009

*George R. Blasco, age 86, WWII Navy Vet, of [Orland Park, Illinois](#) died on 15 February 2009. He served aboard USS WASP 1943 - 1945. Husband for 57 years of Patricia, nee Eger; loving father of Thomas Blasco, M.D., and Gerianne Wilson, George Blasco and Lorianne Venice; grandfather of 9 children. Preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.*

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### **Thomas P. Dunchack**

17 August 1938 - 16 August 2021

*Littlestown PA - Thomas P. Dunchack, 82, of Littlestown, died Monday, August 16, 2021. Born 17 Aug 1938 in the coal mining community of Spangler, PA. Surviving him are his wife, his son, his daughter, two brothers, two grandsons, and several nieces and nephews. Tom enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Wasp CV18. After the navy, Tom graduated from York College of PA and obtained his CPA certificate. Tom began work in the PA State Retirement Board. Tom was a member of PA Institute of Certified Public Accountants, PA Society of Tax and Accounting Professionals, Maryland Society of Tax and Accounting Professionals.*



### **Alan "Sonny" Dupler**

12 June 1931 - 25 July 2021

*Millersport PA - Alan Click "Sonny" Dupler, 90, of Millersport, passed away July 25, 2021 at his home. He was born June 12, 1931. He served honorably in the US Navy aboard the USS Wasp CV-18 during the Korean conflict. Sonny was a member of the Millersport Post of the American Legion. He is survived by his sons and step-son; along with his grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.*

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### **Richard Carroll Holden**

24 May 1938 - 17 February 2022

*PNC Chief Holden was born on May 24th, 1938, in Osceola, Iowa. Richard Carroll passed away on 17 February 2022, in San Antonio, TX. He grew up in Osceola and graduated from Osceola High School and enlisted in the Navy on 31 July 31st 1956. He served on the USS Bushnell, the USS Wasp, the USS Howard Gilmore, and the USS Compass*

*Island and in Iceland, Malta twice, and was also stationed in Sydney, Australia attached to the USS Canberra. Richard was also stationed at bases along the US eastern seaboard. He retired in San Antonio on 22 January 22nd. He was married to Helen Cordelia and had three sons.*

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**Jack H. Liddic**

4 June 1941 – 26 May 2021

*Jack H. Liddic, 79, of Montoursville, passed away 26 May 26. Jack was born in Williamsport on 4 June 1941 and grew up in Loyalsock Twp. graduated from Williamsport High School and attended Williamsport Area Community College (Penn College), and Lycoming College. Jack served in the U.S. Navy from December 1959 to December 1963 serving aboard the USS WASP (CVS 18). Jack retired after 18 years as an accountant from Anchor Darling, now Flowserve. In addition to his parents, his wife, the former Shirley Lovell preceded him in death. Surviving him are his two daughters and his grandchildren.*

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**Richard Lombardi**

15 December 1943 – 13 December 2021

Richard "Dick" Lombardi, age 77, of Quincy MA, died on Monday 13 December 2021, in Weymouth. Richard was born in Boston. Raised and educated in Quincy, Dick was a Vietnam era veteran and proud to have served in the United States Navy as an AA aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp (CVS 18). He was the owner and operator of the former Lombardi's Hi Gloss Auto Reconditioning in Weymouth and was a baseball coach in Quincy's Babe Ruth League, volunteering from 1991-2008. He also served as President of Quincy's Babe Ruth Baseball for many years and during his tenure brought and hosted three Babe Ruth World Series in the City of Quincy. Husband of Constance J. Connie (Rollins) Lombardi, father of a son and daughter, all of Quincy. Dick is survived by his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

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**Charles Constantine Mastroluca**

16 February 1936 - 11 April 2021

Charles Constantine Mastroluca, 85, of Portland, died on April 11, 2021, following a brief illness. He was born in Portland on 16 Feb 1936. He graduated from Portland High School in 1955 before joining the Navy and serving four years in Europe on the USS Wasp as a petty officer, Electricians Mate first class. Upon discharge, in Portland he opened a business as an electrical contractor and married Dolores Monterio, raising three children and two stepdaughters in Falmouth. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister. He is survived by his former wife; his children, his stepdaughters, six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



**William Anthony McLoughlin**

22 Nov 1939 – 19 Mar 2022

*William "Bill" McLoughlin (Pop) died on March 19th. He was 82 years old. Born in*

*Louisville, Kentucky and raised in Astoria, Queens, NY by his mother, he attended Catholic school before enlisting into the Navy. He served on the "USS Wasp." He married Geraldine Kester in 1964 and had three children and seven grandchildren. He lived on Long Island, NY for 35 years and later moved to Spring Hill.*



**Jeffrey Todd May**

14 April 1972 – 17 February 2022

*Jeffrey Todd May, 49, of Catlettsburg, passed away Thursday, 17 February 2022. Jeff was born April 14, 1972, in Ashland, Kentucky, Son of Boudreau and Barbara Howard May. Jeff served in the Navy aboard the USS WASP (LHD-1), a United States Navy amphibious assault ship (lead ship of her class). He worked as an EMT at Kings Daughters Medical Center, the Federal Medical Center-FMC Lexington and the USP Big Sandy in Inez. Those he left include his son, his mother, a sister and a host of extended family and friends.*

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**Kenneth Richard McAliley**

10 August 1935 – 10 April 2021

Kenneth McAliley, 85, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021. Kenneth Richard McAliley was born 10 August 1935 in Comanche, Texas. Kenneth enlisted in the United States Navy right out of high school and did an Atlantic & Pacific tour on the USS Wasp. He grew up in Comanche. He married Dorothy Carey at Santo Church of Christ. He retired from USBrick/Hanson to enjoy time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister and brother. Survivors are his wife of 56 years, sons; grandchildren; sister; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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**Steven Lee McMorrow**

14 October 1941- 13 March 2022

Steven Lee McMorrow of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was born 14 October 1941, in Holbrook, Massachusetts and passed away 13 March 2022, in Fayetteville at the age of 80. Steven served in the Navy 1960-1963, on the USS Wasp out of Boston for a year and a half then stationed on shore duty at Port Lyautey in Morocco for the remainder of his service. Steven attended Suffolk University in Boston, he taught junior high history, then returned to construction. Steven met his wife in San Diego California, moved to Eureka Springs Arkansas in 1983. Steven is survived by his sons; his sister;

nieces; and other family members and friends.

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**James M. Weaver, Jr.**

**- 6 March 2022**

James "Jim" M. Weaver, Jr., 91 passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 6th after a period of declining health. Born in Montgomery Alabama, Jim was the son of James Milford and Anna Louise (Clay) Weaver.

Jim was a Navy Veteran of the Korean War serving on the USS WASP CV-18. He was married for fifty-six years to Elizabeth and had five children. They moved to Millbury in 1969 where he worked for thirty-seven years before he retired. Jim is survived by four of his children; his nine grandchildren; as well as ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Jim also leaves a sister, Marie Lotito, of Rowley. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, his son, and his brothers as well as so many friends that he considered family.

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## John C Woods

John C Woods of Braintree, passed away on October 16, 2021, at the age of 90. John was born, raised and educated in Dorchester. He was a proud United States Navy Veteran of 10 years serving on the USS Wasp. Before retirement, John worked as an engineer for 35 years at Boston Edison. He was a member of the Braintree Sons of Italy. John will be sorely missed by his many sons and daughters and all those who were blessed to have known him. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan M. (McDonough) Woods.

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### Oane 'John' S. Pa'u

- 29 Dec. 2021

Ioane Pa'u passed away on 29 Dec. 2021, at the age of 85 years, at NorthBay Hospital in Fairfield, California. Mr. Pa'u's military career spanned 27 years in the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS Wasp and many other stations ashore and afloat, in-country and overseas. He was a dedicated career soldier and proud to have served his country. He had fond memories of passing through the Panama Canal, and seeing the world from the decks of several ships. After retiring, Mr. Pa'u worked at the Navy base on Mare Island.

Oane Pa'u is survived by his wife of 59 years, Agnes; and many sons and daughters and their children and grandchildren.

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## John Greene Taylor

2 Aug 1925 ----- 2 Jan 2022

John Greene Taylor was born 2 August 1925 in Dallas, Texas. John died on Sunday, 2 January 2022, at the age of ninety-six (96). John was married for over 21 years to Suzanne Ray Taylor, who passed away on 14 August 2005. He was predeceased in death by his brother, Roy Taylor, Jr. John served in the US Navy for 3 years on the USS Wasp as a V-12 Radar Officer in CIC, and served until the end of World War II. John is survived by his son, Jim Baldi, by Suzanne's daughter and by many other family members. He was a member of the Sons of Republic of Texas and Sons of American Revolution, and proudly displayed the Gadsden Revolutionary War flag "Don't Tread On Me".

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## Jimmie Lee Dishman

April 20, 1934 – March 31, 2020

Jimmie Lee Dishman, 85, of Cameron, MO passed away 31 March 2020 in Cameron, MO. He was

born 20 April 1934 to Walter and Ruby Dishman in Kansas City, MO. He enlisted in the Navy and proudly served four years on the USS WASP. Jimmie was preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Marion Betty Dishman. Survivors include his daughters: Cindy Ramsey; Diana Arroyo and Sherry Putterbaugh and their families.

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### **Charles Wendell Cook**

*22 August 1937 - 21 October 2021*

Charles Wyndell Cook was born on August 22, 1937 to Pauline and Charles Cook Sr. and grew up in Buchanan, in southern Virginia. At 17, Charles enlisted and served for 10 years on USS Wasp and three other aircraft carriers. During his enlistment, he aided in recovering Apollo 11, Apollo 12 and Apollo 13 space capsules.

After his honorable discharge in 1964, he enlisted in Army National Guard Reserves where he served for 2 years until his honorable discharge in 1976.

Charles is predeceased by his wife, Paralee, his sons, grandson, and brother, Peyton. He is survived by many, many more family and devoted friends.

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### **Russell M. MacLean**

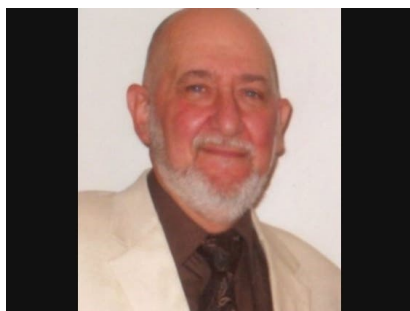
*- 27 April 2016*

*Russell M. MacLean, 82, of Chester passed away on 27 April 2016. Son of the late Walter J. and Sara E. Chandler. Russell was married for 45 years to Joy (Smalley) MacLean who died in 2003.*

*Russell was a US Navy veteran who served aboard the USS WASP during the Korean War. Russell was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal and the Navy Occupation Service Medal. Upon Honorable Discharge, he served in the City of Chester Police Department until retiring as a Captain in 1990. He was awarded for Bravery, with Distinguished Marksmanship and Policeman of the Year awards.*

*Russell was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Legion, The Marine Corp League, The National Police and Troopers Association, the United States Navy veterans organization USS WASP Association and the Association of Aviation Ordnancemen. He was predeceased by his step son James Wesley Sipple who died in 2006 and is survived by his three children.*

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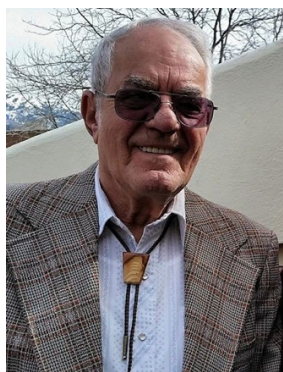
**Richard Eugene Laviolette**

- 11 November 2021

Richard Eugene Laviolette, age 77, passed away on Thursday, 11 November 2021.

Born to Lester E. and Ruth (Choun) Laviolette, Rick grew up on the East Side of Bridgeport. He attended and graduated from Notre Dame Catholic High School with the class of 1962. After graduation, Rick enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Wasp (CVS-18) during port visits to Naval Base Rota in Cádiz, Spain.

Rick is survived by his daughter, Michelle Laviolette, of Fairfield; his grandchildren, Leah Bamman (Tony), Leah Michalewicz, and Shannon Sadler; his brother, Mark Laviolette; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and his "Best Friend Forever" Marilyn Fitol Rick is predeceased by his parents, Ruth and Lester, his brothers, Duane "Buck" Laviolette and Dreux



**Lester J. Peterson**

9 April 1937 – 2 April 2022

Lester J. Peterson of Mountain Home, passed away on 2 April 2022, one week before his 85th birthday. Lester was born in Circleville, Utah, to Lester Ralph "Hanny" Peterson and Vivian June (Applegate) Peterson, the second oldest of 10 siblings. He was raised in Circleville, graduating from Piute High School where played basketball, baseball, and track (javelin and discus). On 5 January 1957 he married Theda M. Peterson.

In the Navy, Lester served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp. After his service in the Navy, he moved to Mountain Home, Idaho. In the early 1960's, he worked for Catermat Corporation of America, at Stoney's Coin Machines, and for Hughes Aircraft Maintenance at the Mountain Home Air Force Base in air conditioning and refrigeration in their missile assembly building,

Lester was best known as "the bread man" – serving local communities, Mountain Home Air Base. Lester was a member of the American Legion. Lester is survived by his children and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Theda.



**Edward E. Griffith**

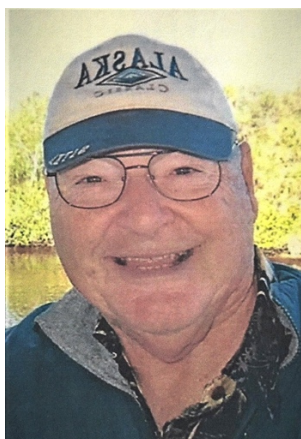
29 November 1939 – 12 April 2021

Born 29 November 1939 to Roy Lee and Edna (Shinabarger) Griffith, Edward E. Griffith died on 12 April 2021. Ed grew up in Danvers, IL and moved to Bloomington and worked on many

residential and commercial construction projects throughout the area, eventually earning promotions to Foreman and Superintendent. Over the years he amassed knowledge about old clocks, lamps, art glass, dolls, firearms, trains, sports memorabilia and even Beanie Babies! He was generous and highly regarded for his integrity where deals were done on a handshake.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers, sisters and wife. He is survived by his son, daughter, stepsons and grandchildren, step grandchildren, several nieces and a great-granddaughter.

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### **Frank Leffler**

2 July 1941 - 7 April 2022

Frank Leffler, 80, passed away on 21 March 2022. He was in Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla, with his son Steve and wife Gerry at his side. Frank was born in Watervliet, N. Y., on 2 July 1941, the son of Frances and Frank Leffler. He was raised there with two sisters, and a half-brother. He attended Catholic Central High School in Troy, N.Y.

In 1960, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Wasp CVS - 18, serving as a jet engine mechanic. In 1964, he went to work for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in East

Hartford, Conn. He was so proud of his sons, his four grandchildren, a new great-grandchild. In his memory, memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made to the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, the "Let's go Brandon" fund!!

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### **Rev. Richard P. Moore**

13 September 1932 - 23 November 2021

Rev. Richard P. Moore, 89, of Elizabethtown, PA, and formerly of Perry County died on 23 November 2021. Born in Northumberland, PA on 13 September 1932, the son of the late B. Frank and Mary A. (Bowen) Moore. A graduate of Lemoyne High School and served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War aboard the carriers USS Wasp and Lexington. He attended the Evangelical School of Theology in Myerstown, graduating in 1981. He then served pastorates at many churches.

Richard is survived by his wife of 67 years, a son, two daughters, and son-in-law and by eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were two daughters and a sister.

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**Stephen L. Rich**

- 8 January 2022

Stephen Lee Rich passed away at Samaritan Medical Center Watertown, NY on 8 January 2022 with his loving wife Catherine "Caye" Mary (Spicer) and daughter at his side. Steve was a devoted father and husband, avid outdoorsman, tinkerer and fixer-of-all-things-broken, and untiring jokester. He retired from the banking industry in 1995 - "Steve was the greatest boss ever."

After high school, Steve enlisted in the Navy. He served two years in active duty on the USS Wasp CVS - 18, and afterwards earned an Associate's degree from Brown University, and eventually retired in 1995 as Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank. He also served as a councilman for the Town of Watertown Council, appointed to the Tug Hill Commission by Governor Mario Cuomo. His father Donald, mother Hazel, and sister Theta Corliss have predeceased Steve.

Steve is survived by his three sons, and his daughter as well as by his ten grandchildren.

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**Edward G. Griffith**

- 28 October 2021

Griffith, Edward G. "Bud" "Red" age 91 of Blaine MN died on 28 Oct. 2021. He grew up in Col. Heights & proudly served 4 yrs in the US Navy on

the aircraft carrier USS Wasp during the Korean War. Bud worked 45 years as a truck crane operator for Northern Pacific & Burlington Northern Railways and was a master mechanic. He was preceded in death by wife, Terry, son Marty, and parents Charlie & Margaret, siblings Pat & Bill. Survived by daughter Jayne, siblings Colleen & Chuck, daughter-in-law Julie, several grandchildren and great-grand children & relatives in Philadelphia.



**William G. Gunther**

17 October 1940 - 14 March 2022

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*William G. Gunther born in Oswego on 17 October 1940, passed away in Arthur N.Y at the age of 81. Son of the late William and Evelyn (Luke) Gunther. Growing up in Oswego he attended St. Mary's School and Oswego High School. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He worked on various construction projects and was a drill operator on the Nine Mile 2 nuclear power plant in Scriba, NY working the circulating intake and discharge tunnels for the plants' reactor. Surviving are his children, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his brother, and his life companion, Ann*

*Perry. He was predeceased by the mother of his children, his sister and his daughter.*

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**Gale D. Brink**

15 August 1947 – 19 February 2007

Gale D. Brink, 59, of Anacortes, WA died Monday, February 19, 2007 at Island Hospital in Anacortes. He was born on August 15, 1947 in Le Mars, Iowa, the son of Arie and Eleanor (Hoffs) Brink. Gale grew up in Storm Lake, Iowa, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1969, and at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He served on the USS WASP. As a naval officer, Gale sought to give wise counsel and the best opportunities to those under his command. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Brink; sons and daughter-in-law; mother; grandchildren and sisters. Gale is preceded in death by his father, Arie.

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**Richard P. Moore**

16 September 1947 – 31 May 20

Richard P. Moore, 71 of Marion passed

away on Friday May 31, 2019 at Marion General Hospital. Richard was born on September 16, 1947 in Columbus, OH. Richard graduated from High School and continued his education as a computer programmer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother Joseph Charles Moore. Richard is survived by his wife Janet (Lambert) Moore; his daughters; grandchildren, and sister.

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**Duane R. Matchett**

24 January 1931 - 26 April 2022

Duane R. Matchett age 91 of Beloit died Tuesday April 26, 2022 at Wm. S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison. He was born January 24, 1931 to the late Joel and Inga (Miller) Matchett in Bloomer, WI. Duane moved to the Beloit area in 1941. Duane graduated from Shopiere Grade School in 1945 and Clinton High School in 1949. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy on 28 February 1951 and served on the USS Wasp (CVA-18). Until 28 January 1955 as a Radarman 2nd class.

Duane married on 23 September 1955 to Wilma Henderson Hale. She preceded him in death on 4 October 2020. He worked as a wood patternmaker in Beloit and Loves Park,

IL retiring May 1, 1998. He was a member of and an active with the USS Wasp Association. He is survived by two daughters; a son; a step son; his three grandchildren, one sister and many nieces and nephews. He preceded in death by his wife Wilma, his parents, a brother and two sisters.