

Charles J. Darnell



Charles J. Darnell, 88, of Devens, Mass., and formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in Devens.

A prayer service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 18, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Interment will be in the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Charles was born on July 9, 1928, in Medina, Ohio, to Robert and Georgia Jackson Darnell. He was raised in the Cleveland area and attended public schools. In 1945, he entered the U.S. Marines Corp and served his country until his discharge in 1947.

Charles and his family lived in Ohio and Wyoming and worked as an engineer for a railroad company for ten of those years. In 1984, he moved to Grinnell and worked for Bates Flowers. He was a member of the American Legion and served as chaplain for the Grinnell Eagles Club.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy Darnell-Fyock of Parma, Ohio; three sons, Charles Darnell Jr. of Parma Heights, Ohio, Michael Darnell of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Theodore Darnell of Colo.; eight grandchildren; and one great grandson;

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Frank; and two brothers, Robert Darnell and Don Darnell. *GH-R 7-13-2017*