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## Donald Cornell Brown

Donald Cornell Brown, 85, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, at the Mayflower Healthcare Center in Grinnell.

No services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be shared with the Brown Family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com) or by mail, in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Don was born on March 27, 1935, to Blanche Cornell and Robert H. Brown, Jr. in Tallahassee, Fla., where he spent his childhood. He was married to Susan Mann in 1958; they later divorced.

A graduate of Georgia Tech and Stanford University, Don

was proud of his service as a carrier pilot in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1962, and his subsequent work for the Central Intelligence Agency. After early retirement in 1982, he was self-employed building homes, and making custom cabinets and handcrafted furniture.

Surviving Don are his brothers, Charles J. Brown of North Carolina and Robert H. Brown III of Florida; his children, Allen (Kristin) Brown of Barker, N.Y.; Duncan Brown (Miriam Sterig) of Mundelein, Ill.; and Barbara Brown (David Lopatto), of Grinnell; as well as grandchildren Justin and Parker Brown; and Patrick, Eleanor, Edward, and Billy Lopatto.

