

Dave Sears

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Dave Sears, 71, of Grinnell, died on Monday, December 13, 2021, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Kirsten Klepfer officiating. Interment will be at Chester Cemetery north of Grinnell. A luncheon will follow at the Elks Lodge in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Grinnell Elks Lodge and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Dave's family online at www.smithfh.com.

David Andrew Sears was born the son of Edgar "Bud" and Shirley (Vance) Sears on October 11, 1950, in Traer, Iowa. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1968 and then was drafted in the US Marine Corps and served his country during the Vietnam War.

Dave was married to Sue Schrader in Grinnell in 1972, and their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Angela, and a son, David Matthew. Their marriage later ended in divorce. Dave was a police officer for 25 years with the Grinnell Police Department. He was married to Denise Bennett in October of 2011 and the couple lived in Grinnell.

Dave's greatest joy was being with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a man of many talents and trades. His enjoyments were listening to music, attending concerts, and enjoying seafood. He will be remembered for always being happy, for being a jokester, and one who lived life to the fullest.

Dave is survived by his mother, Shirley Sears of Grinnell; his wife, Denise Bennett Sears of Grinnell; his daughter, Angela (Eric) Sears-Sutherland of Virginia Beach, Va.; his son, David "Matt" (Jodi Davis) Sears of Newton, Iowa; his grandchildren and great grandchildren; and his siblings, Pam (Jack) Montgomery of Grinnell, Jim (Rebecca) Sears of Newton, Jeff (Michelle) Sears of Grinnell, and Chris Sears of Kellogg, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father, and brother, Dan Sears.

