

Roy Van Draska Jr.

~~1000~~ Roy Van Draska Jr., 54, of Grinnell died Monday, Nov. 6, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Nov. 9, at the United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Paul Asberry, Ron Bair, John Crawford, Darin Gable, Jeremy Smith and Mark Wallace.

Veterans ceremonial rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell American Legion. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Roy and Nona Arlene Kriegel Van Draska and was born Aug. 10, 1946, in Grinnell. He received his education in the Grinnell schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Vietnam and receiving the Purple Heart.

He returned to Grinnell after his discharge from the service and was employed by Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. for several years. He also worked briefly for the city of Grinnell prior to retiring. He was a member of the American Legion and Parents Without Partners.

Surviving are one daughter, Tonya Strovers of Grinnell; one son, Jamie Montgomery of Omaha, Neb.; one grandson; three sisters, Mary Barnum, Judy Dillon and Sharon Asberry, all of Grinnell; and one brother, Marty Siebert of DeWitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter.

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