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Frank LaGrange



Frank LaGrange, 78, of Grinnell, died Friday, June 7, 2019, at Unity Point - Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Visitation was Monday at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, and a graveside service with military honors was held Monday afternoon in the Lakeview section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Sure Shots, a youth trap shooting team, and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368,

Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Frank Adell LaGrange, Jr. was born the son of Frank Adell LaGrange, Sr., and Beatrice Lenore Playle LaGrange on Dec. 23, 1940, in Fairmont, Minn. He was raised in Fairmont, Sacramento, Calif., and Grinnell, and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1959.

Frank honorably served in the United States Army Reserves following his education. He worked in the printing department at The Grinnell Herald-Register and later at The Mason City Globe Gazette. He moved back to Grinnell and began working at Maytag in Newton. Upon receiving his journeyman certification, he went to work in the tool and die department at Klein Tools in the Amanas. After a back injury, he moved into the computer graphics department at Klein Tool.

Frank was a gifted marksman, who won several trap-shooting tournaments locally and nationally. He also had a passion for flying model airplanes, as well as hunting, fishing, gunsmithing, and working on computers.

Frank is survived by his sister Janet Hasselbrink of Grinnell; brother Richard LaGrange of Parker City, Ind.; and other relations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Donna Brown in 2015.