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## Gerald "Jake" Simonton

Gerald "Jake" Simonton, 69, died July 28 of lung cancer at Malcom Manor.

The funeral was held Monday, July 30 at Merle Hay Funeral Home, Des Moines.

Jake was born in Redfield, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Airforce and lived most of his life in Des Moines. Jake worked as an equipment operator for the city. He retired after 22 years of service in Des Moines.

Jake is survived by his mother, Opal Miller Ruvoldt, Des Moines; four sons, William Simonton, Malcom; Ronald Simonton, Des Moines; Randy Simonton, Kansas City, Mo.; Brian Hanson, Des Moines; step-brother, Bob Simonton, Phoenix, Ariz.; step-sister, Carol Colis, Redding, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Grinnell.