

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

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Nathaniel F. Renner, REGC
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To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers, and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

It is with sadness that I must announce the passing of Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Donald A. Radloff, who passed into the Grand Asylum above on the evening of Friday November 24, 2023. Don was a prominent figure in, and was extremely passionate about, Iowa Commandery. He was a key member at the Cedar Valley York Rite in Cedar Falls, and in fact was instrumental in my own progression through the Grand Commandery lines. He will be missed across the state and beyond.

Donald Allen Radloff, 76, of Clarksville, Iowa, passed away on Friday, November 24, 2023, at his home in Clarksville.

Don was born on December 4, 1946, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Donald Albert and Normagene Lydia (Schnathorst) Radloff. He graduated from Elgin High School in Elgin, IL. and later received his degree in Police Science through Hawkeye Community College. He served in the United States Air Force until he was honorably discharged in November of 1966. He was united in marriage to Galena “Gale” Lou Ferrell on December 23, 1968, in Elgin, Illinois.

He served as a Black Hawk County Deputy Sheriff and Police Chief of Tripoli. He retired from John Deere after a work incident.

Don loved spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids, also enjoyed hunting, fishing, rebuilding trucks, and raising dogs. He was very active with the Boy Scouts, serving in many roles throughout the years.

He was an active 50-year Mason Raised in Martin Lodge No. 624 on 11-8-1973. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Iowa in 2006-07. He earned District Lecturer Certificate 3050 in 9-5-1997 Grand Lodge of Iowa. Then served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in 2019-20.

Don is survived by his wife, Gale Radloff of Clarksville; a daughter, Lena Eggers of Waterloo; a son, Bruce (Angela) Radloff of Shell Rock and a daughter, Candice Cornwell of Clarksville; eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; a brother, Rick Radloff, a sister, Tammi (Bill) Kramer and a sister, Cheryl Kirk all of Elgin, Illinois. He is also survived his near and dear friends, Jared Brunner and Keith Vance along with his Beagle dog Jessie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Valerie Brunner; two grandsons, Benjamin Klinghammer and Rudy Eggers; two brothers, Keith Radloff and Kevin Radloff; a brother-in-law, Ray Kirk and a sister-in-law, Ruth Radloff.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Shell Rock, followed by a 7:00 p.m. Masonic Service. A funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial followed in Lynwood Cemetery in Clarksville with military rites at the grave conducted by the Clarksville AMVETS Post #30 and the American Legion Post #660 of New Hartford.

Please honor his memory by ensuring you display equal passion for our rituals, participation and attendance, recruitment, and camaraderie in every organization you partake in, be it Lodge, York Rite, Grand or local, or even outside the Masonic fraternity.

Chivalric Regards,



Nathaniel F. Renner
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:



Tim S. Anderson
Grand Recorder

