



Walter "Walt" Frank Grinnell

September 26, 1947 - April 18, 2026

Walter "Walt" Frank Grinnell, 78, of Leesburg, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in Summerfield, Florida.

Walt was born on September 26, 1947, in Providence, Rhode Island, to Arthur and Lorraine (Shields) Grinnell. Not long after finishing school, he joined the United States Army in 1965, beginning a 20-year career that would take him all over the world. He built his expertise in light and heavy truck and tank maintenance, starting as a technician and rising to become an Armament Maintenance Warrant Officer. He took pride in his work, his service, and the people he served alongside.

His honors reflect both his skill and his courage, including the Bronze Star with "V" Device for Valor, multiple Air Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters and additional "V" Devices for Valor, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, and several Meritorious Service Medals.

After retiring from the military, Walt wasn't done building. He founded International Logistics Systems in Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania, where he continued supporting military operations through defense engineering contracting.

Walt was a member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) in

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Outside of work, he found joy in the simple and meaningful things—cruising the world with Marilyn, taking in the view from a ship's rail, and spending time with friends over card and board games. Whether in Leesburg or Myrtle Beach, where they spent their summers, Walt was happiest listening to music and gathering with fellow veterans.

He also had a deep love for dogs and never stopped missing his German Shepherd, Callie.

Walt is survived by his wife, Marilyn Morris; his daughter, Melanie Grinnell; his sons, Joseph Girouard and Michal Grinnell; eight grandchildren; and niece and nephews.

A Celebration of Walt's life will be held on Friday, April 24, at 2:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, 1123 West Main Street in Leesburg, with visitation from 1:30 to 2:00 PM. A committal service with full military honors will follow on Monday, April 27, at 11:30 AM at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513-8914
(352) 793-7740

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Leesburg
1123 W Main St
Leesburg, FL 34748
(352) 787-4343

Celebration of Life

APR 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

APR 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

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With Military Honors

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Walt" Frank Grinnell*



Beyers Funeral Home - April 24 at 11:44 AM

AC

“ *Walt was a friend and neighbor! My husband bonded with Walt instantly because of their shared military service and they were both "characters"! He and Marilyn became a great part of our lives, sharing many fun times together at Trivia! He was a staunch friend and ally and will be well remembered for his steadfast friendship and humor!
Our love to Marilyn!!*

Andi Crews - May 04 at 10:19 AM

JM

“ *Walt was a client of mine for over 10 years. I always enjoyed our talks. He was a dear friend and I will miss him. I pray that his family find comfort in this time of sorrow.*

Joe Mauk - April 24 at 10:46 AM

KC

“Walter was my cousin by relation but my siblings and I always called him “Uncle Wally”, which always made my cousin Mel giggle. Predeceased by mom Susan, his sisters Sandra and Patricia and his brothers Harold and Arthur, I know Uncle Wally has reunited with them all in a better place. I imagine they are dancing (my mom always said that he was an excellent dancer), dining and laughing in the good health they enjoyed in their youth.

I remember Uncle Wally telling me about his treasured typewriter. Despite his successes, and there were many, he never forgot how it all began. Driven, committed and entrepreneurial by nature, Walter Grinnell created his successful business from the ground up. It began, he would say, with a typewriter and a dream. Despite consequential upgrades to computers and modern technology, his old typewriter had a special place in his office and in his heart. I will miss you, Uncle Wally. Your tight and reassuring hugs, how you and my mom kept in contact in spite of the miles between you. I know you will be watching over Mel and Luca with whom you shared tremendous love and friendship.

Farewell, Uncle Wally. Give my mom and Aunt Sandy big hugs from me.

*Much love,
Kate Carroll*

Kate Carroll - April 21 at 02:34 PM