

Ronald Francis Arkfeld, 57

AUG. 30, 1940 - APRIL 2, 1998

ATASCADERO, CA - Ronald Francis Arkfeld, 57, of Atascadero, CA, formerly of Panama died April 2, 1998. A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 17, 1998, at St. Mary's in Panama. Inurnment was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Panama. He was born Aug. 30, 1940, in Sioux City. After graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy. Serving from 1958 to 1961. He served on a ship, spending time in the Pacific Rim, including Japan. He attained a AT-2 rating. He was employed by the Santa Ana, CA Police Department from 1968 to 1971, and the California Highway Patrol from 1971 to 1988. He was an avid precision gunsmith and competition rifle marksman who won many trophies, awards and recognition. He also made bullets which were highly prized throughout the country. A general contractor, he built his own home and did general woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Arkfeld, Sr. and a brother, Thomas E. Arkfeld, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Maggie" Arkfeld of Atascadero; a daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Tom Mealie of Mikado, MI; a grandson, Craig Mealie of Mikado, MI; his mother, Lorraine Miller of Sioux City; brothers, Larry J. Arkfeld of Yreka, CA; James T. Arkfeld of Los Banos; Frank Arkfeld of Louisville, KY; Michael Arkfeld of Omaha and Gary Miller of Sioux City.

A memorial service was held April 6, 1998, in Atascadero, CA.