



# Francis E. "Jay" Keiller

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**F**rancis E. "Jay" Keiller, 66, of Clinton, passed away, Wednesday, March 5, 2014 surrounded by his loving family at Select Specialty Hospital – Davenport, Iowa.

Funeral Services will be 2:00pm, Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be Sunday from noon to the service time at the funeral home. Private family burial will be Monday at Clinton Lawn Cemetery with military honors being conducted by the Camanche VFW. Serving as pallbearers will be Alexander Keiller, Kelton & Kendall Orr, Audreyanna & Jared Smith, and Ty Luett. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at [www.snellzornig.com](http://www.snellzornig.com). The family will be hosting a gathering for friends and family at Rastrelli's Restaurant following the service.

Jay Keiller was born on January 12, 1948 in Savanna, Illinois, the son of Francis "Ed" and Irene (Beauvais) Keiller. Jay graduated from Savanna High School in 1966, graduated from Clinton Community College. He married Ruth Faust on November 1, 1975 in Savanna. He later graduated from Mt. St. Clare in 1991.

Jay was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Korea and Vietnam from 1966-1969 and made a very prosperous life for himself and his family upon his return stateside.

He was an asset to his community and was an accomplished wood worker (avocation) and that's what he looked forward to doing upon his retirement. But, it wasn't meant to be. He suffered a debilitating stroke a few months after he retired from Lyondell/Chemplex and his health has been gradually declining the last few years. He enjoyed volunteering for RSVP and also at the Clinton County Court House for the judicial department.

The bright spot in his life has always been his family. He is survived by his wife: Ruth of Clinton; three daughters: Peyton Keiller of Moline, Paige (Dave) Orr, of Trimble, Missouri, and Kim (Trevor) Willis of Camanche; five grandchildren: Alexander Keiller, Kelton & Kendall Orr, and Audreyanna & Jared Smith; two brothers: Paul (Elisabeth) Keiller of Albany, Illinois, Stephen



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"Mike" (Judy) Keiller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one sister: Vicki (Carroll) Curboy of Mount Carroll, Illinois, several nieces and nephews, his aunt Joan (Gene) Reeser of Clinton; his beloved dog Samantha and friend Sean Luett of Clinton.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities or RSVP.



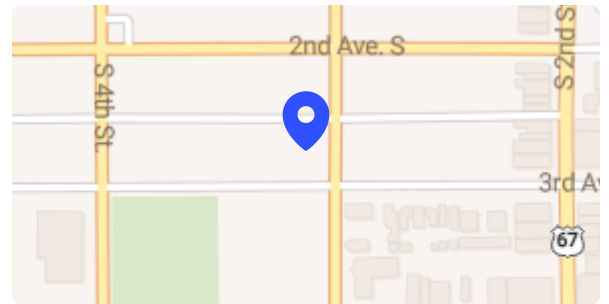
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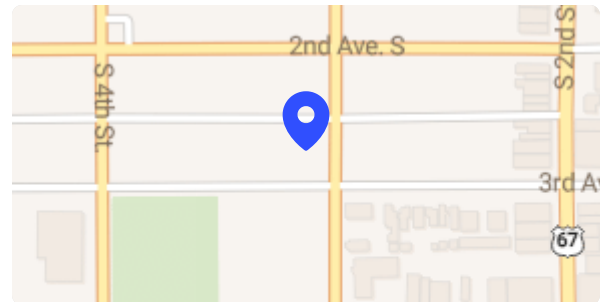
## Visitation

- Sunday**, March 9, 2014
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**  
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



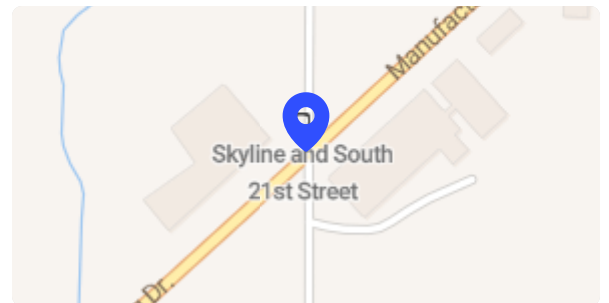
## Service

- Sunday**, March 9, 2014
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM CT
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## Cemetery Details

- Clinton Lawn Cemetery**  
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





# Tribute Wall

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**Patti Christiansen** posted:

So sorry to you and your family for your loss. Donnie and Patti Christiansen

March 10 at 5:00 AM



**Arlene Winkler** posted:

Ruth and family, Our heart aches for all of you, for the loss of such a special person. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a beloved life. Always remember Jay is always in your hearts. Paul and Arlene Winkler

March 8 at 5:21 PM



**Diana Harding Weissenberger** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the girls. So sorry to hear of Jay's passing.. He was a great person.Diana and Richard Weissenberger

March 7 at 11:21 AM



**Joy And Howard Turner** lit a candle in honor of Francis .



March 7 at 10:16 AM



**Pam Toland** lit a candle in honor of Francis .

I just wanted to extend my sympathy to you. So sorry to hear of "Jay's" passing. Hold the memories close to your heart and he will ALWAYS be with you.Your "jeweler" friendPam



March 7 at 8:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent an A Full Life to the Keiller family.



March 7 at 6:39 AM



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CM

**Connie Mason** posted:

Dearest Ruth,Someone so special can never be forgotten! You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm sharing in your sorrow, thinking of you and wishing I could be there. Remember that death leaves a heartache no one can heal, LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.

March 7 at 4:03 AM

WA

**Wanda Armstrong** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. As I said a couple of days ago Ruth--why do bad things have to happen to good people. Know that you are in my thought and prayers. Love to all.Wanda Armstrong

March 7 at 4:01 AM

WA

**Wanda Armstrong** lit a candle in honor of Francis .



March 7 at 3:59 AM

KH

**Kyle & Shirley Hadenfeldt** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Keiller family.



March 6 at 4:51 PM

JZ

**Jerry & Diane Van Zuiden** lit a candle in honor of Francis .



March 6 at 12:09 PM



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JR

**John Reinheimer** lit a candle in honor of Francis .

Ruth and family, My deep and heart-felt sympathy is extended to you and all your family. It is difficult to embrace the idea that the class of '66 has reached this point, but time marches forward. I recall both of you with fondness and hope that your knowing others care will bring some peace to you all. There are a couple of quotes that have helped me through the rougher times in my life when death has come to those I love. I am not sure that they will give you all comfort, but I really find myself without any other option since I have not seen you for an extended time. "Death is not extinguishing the light, it is turning off the lamp because the dawn has come." Paul Tournier. The one that has helped me the most as time moves forward is from Dr. Seuss "Don't cry because it's over....SMILE because it happened." I am sure, remembering you and Jay, that there is an abundance of love within your family and from your friends and I hope this will carry you through the up-coming days, weeks, months and years. John Reinheimer



March 6 at 11:45 AM

RK

**Ruth Keiller** March 22 at 5:47 AM

John - thanks so much for your comforting words. Jay was a very special guy to those of us that knew and loved him. He is greatly missed but we find some comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain and is at peace at last. RAK



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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