



# Don L. Chinburg

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**D**on L. Chinburg, 91, of Lisle, Illinois, formerly of Clinton, Iowa, died Monday, October 26, 2020, at his home. Private visitation and services for Don will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020, at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be in the Springdale Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.snellzornig.com](http://www.snellzornig.com).

Don was born December 13, 1928, in Dayton, Iowa, the son of Carl and Mable (LeValley) Chinburg. He was a 1946 graduate of the Dayton Consolidated Schools. He was a U.S. Army veteran and received his BA in 1951 from Cornell College, Mt Vernon, Iowa, and his MA from the University of Iowa in 1958. Don married Ardea Schwendemann on June 29, 1952, in Dayton, Iowa. She passed away on August 19, 2011.

Don retired from the Clinton Community Schools after 35 years and worked as a Teacher, Coach, Principal, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Personnel. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church, and served on the education commission, was a staff parish relations committee chairman and chairman of the Board of Trustees. Don was a National Education Association life member, and member of the National Association of School Personnel, Iowa State Education Association, ISPA and served as treasurer, secretary and president with ISPA, IEPA, and was an Iowa PTA life member, serving as treasurer from 1975 to 1979. He was also involved with Kiwanis Club and served as past president, Jaycees and served as secretary, and Rotary Club.

Don lived in Lisle, IL since 2012, where prior to the pandemic he enjoyed a wide variety of activities with friends and could usually be found playing bridge, euchere or other games. He was an avid reader and history buff and enjoyed attending musicals in the Chicago area. He kept his memory sharp, still rode his bike, and had a positive, upbeat outlook.



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Survivors include his son, David Chinburg (Wendy Land) of Prior Lake, MN; daughters, Leigh Anne (Douglas) Cutcher of Farmington Hills, MI and Carol Thompson (Davide Bova) of Downers Grove, IL; grandchildren, Jenna and Jordan (Kayla) Chinburg, Kyra, Alyssa and Katie Cutcher and Ashley and Jack Thompson; and brother Jon (Norma) Wenkalman of Sylmar, CA.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Jerry and Richard Chinburg of Dayton, Iowa.


Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Clinton, IA and the American Heart Association.

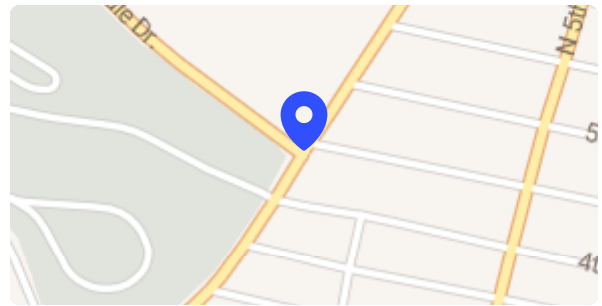


# Events

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## Cemetery Details

 **Springdale Cemetery**  
Springdale Drive and Bluff Blvd., Clinton IA 52732





## Tribute Wall

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**Christina Luo & Family** sent an Enduring Grace to the Chinburg family.

October 29 at 3:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Chinburg family.

October 29 at 8:09 AM



**The Waun Families** sent an Infinite Love to the Chinburg family.

October 29 at 6:08 AM



**Chapman Pibf Partners** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Chinburg family.

October 29 at 6:01 AM



**Larry Howe** posted:

Don was one of the most kind, decent, and caring human beings I've known in my life. He and Bill Holmstrom, both from Dayton, we're role models, leaders, and "teachers of teachers and coaches." I wish Don's family the very best as they go through this most difficult time. Larry Howe former CHS principal

October 29 at 4:22 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Chinburg family.

October 28 at 6:02 AM





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KH

**Kirby Hall** posted:

I had the pleasure of working closely with Don in the mid-1980's. His attention to detail was a tremendous help. It pleases me to know that he had an active and full life in retirement. Becky and I send condolences to family and friends.

October 27 at 6:47 PM

JT

**Jon & Norma, Trent & Family, And Travis** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Chinburg family.



October 27 at 12:56 PM

RG

**Richard Grugin** posted:

Lots of fond memories of meetings with Don at Roosevelt and great chats about the virtues of hiring good teachers. He was always the calming voice in the midst of turmoil; he was a good guy! Richard Grugin

October 27 at 5:04 AM

KB

**Kim (Kampling) Bennett** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I went to the same church as he and his family for many years, and he was also my principal at school. Don, Lea Anne and Carol, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Your dad was a very kind man.

October 26 at 5:09 PM

KB

**Kim (Kampling) Bennett** lit a candle in honor of Don.



October 26 at 5:05 PM



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**Dennis Duerling** lit a candle in honor of Don.

Don and I go way back all the way to when I was in elementary school and Don was in charge of the summer softball teams that each elementary school had and he was my coach one summer Then we reconnected when I came back to Clinton in 1974 and was hired to be a guidance counselor at Clinton High, where I was very fortunate to be the counselor for all 3 of the Chinburg children. Don was always professional and caring when he was involved with students and adults.RIP Don...a career well done!!



October 26 at 2:29 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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