



# James S. Pilgrim

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**J**ames S. Pilgrim, 96, of Clinton passed away December 29, 2020 at the Alverno – Clinton.

Memorial Services will be 11:00 am, Friday, May 28, 2021 at the First Congregational Church in Clinton. Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the service time at the church. Private burial will be in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, Iowa.

According to Mr. Pilgrims wishes, his body has been cremated. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling his services. Online condolences maybe expressed by visiting his obituary at [www.snellzornig.com](http://www.snellzornig.com).

James Shirley Pilgrim was born December 7, 1924 in Grinnell, Iowa, the son of Charles Morey and Nellie Frances (Cooper) Pilgrim. He graduated from Grinnell High School and earned his Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University. He served in the United States Army in the 12th Armored Division in Germany. He worked as a Feed Mill Manager for Krambeck Feed & Supply for 40 years; retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the 12th Armored Division, was a recipient of the French Medal of Honor and was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Clinton. He had a passion for history, enjoyed visiting museums and was the past president of the Clinton Historical Society. Jim also was a long time member of the Iowa Archeological Society and enjoyed time spent gardening and working on HO Model Trains.

James is survived by his three daughters: Lou Ann Pilgrim Cherry of Omaha, Nebraska, Linda (Ron) Christensen of Iowa City, Iowa and Lisa (Thomas) Caruso of Clinton; four grandchildren: Brian (Bobbi) Cherry of Bellevue, Nebraska, David (Sarah Stephens) Cherry of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Nicholas Caruso of Clinton and Cara (Dan) Borter of Deer Field, Wisconsin; three step-grandsons: Jeff (Kristy) Christensen, Ron (Katy) Christensen, JR. and Dan Christensen; 8 great grandchildren: Ben Christensen, Lauren Christensen, Tyrus (Alma) Nortman, Scott Nortman,



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Stevenson Christensen, Porter Steere, Oliver Cherry and Brinley Borter; two sister-in-laws: Shirley Pilgrim of Nevada, Iowa and Donna Hall of Kalispell, Montana; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

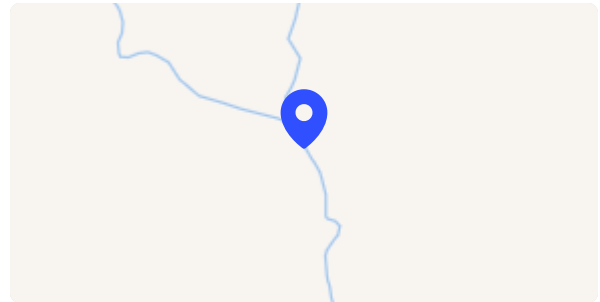


# Events

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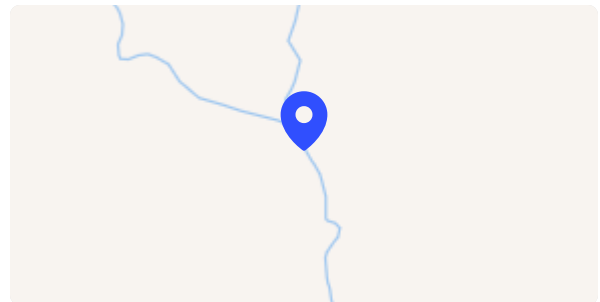
## Visitation

- Friday, May 28, 2021**
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- First Congregational Church**  
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## Service

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## Cemetery Details

- Hazelwood Cemetery**  
Grinnell IA



## Tribute Wall

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**Judy Leonard** posted:

Lou Ann, Linda, and Lisa, I am so sorry I am unable to attend your Dad's funeral. I am working out of town. I have such fond memories of growing up in our neighborhood. One memory stands out when he made us that big Top Hat for the Riverboat Days parade. we were Phyllis Diller, a rabbit and a magician I think! Your Dad always visited when I would run into him through the years. So sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man! Judy Johnson Leonard

May 27 at 9:03 AM



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



May 26 at 5:37 PM



**The Johnsons** posted:

Mr. Pilgrim was a wonderful neighbor from a few doors down. He put the kids to work a few times as they were growing up. We enjoyed hearing many stories from him. One special one was on a ride to a family Thanksgiving one year. He told us all of how he heard of Pearl Harbor and how fast he pedaled home to tell his folks. The kids listened so closely to him tell about that day. He told us many good stories. From His Forever home to stories about his family. We will miss him joining in on Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We always walk him home with a big plate of food for "later" He met another man that was here by the name of Vernon one Thanksgiving several years ago and ever since he met Vernon who has since past on. He calls my husband Vern. We told him so many times his name (Kevin) but Vern was it in his eyes. Mr. Pilgrim We will miss you rest easy neighbor. His family has our sympathy.

February 3 at 9:00 PM



**Charlotte Daehler** posted:

Jim and our Dad shared a love of Hopewell artifacts. Jim came to the farm we lived on as children to do a dig. He didn't shoo us away but instead shared his archeological knowledge with us as we watched him work. I'll never forget that. We extend our sympathy to your family. Chuck Leavens and Daughters

January 8 at 2:12 AM



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**Donna Hall** posted:

Dear brother Jim you are loved and will be missed and loved your Sister in law Donna Hall Keep on Looking for those Arrowheads in the Vineyards

January 2 at 11:04 AM

EA

**Erin Anderson** posted:

I have so many fond memories of Jim. When I tell stories of my childhood there are lots of times he is included in those stories. He was always so kind to me when I was a child and I couldn't have asked for a better neighbor growing up. All these years later I would think of him often. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a very special man. RIP Jim.

January 1 at 4:42 PM

MK

**Margaret Jensen Klaes** posted:

I remember James in the historical museum meetings. He was fun to talk with> RIP Jim

December 31 at 11:15 PM

SM

**Sally Marburger** posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!!! Our dad was in the 12th Armored Division over seas the same time Jim was. Jim represented the 12th Division at my mom's funeral earlier this year. May be rest in peace!Willard"Bill" Gould and family

December 30 at 2:22 PM



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

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



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