Richard C. Vining

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Richard C. Vining, beloved husband, father, brother, and friend passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on December 26, 2024, at the age of 73.

Born on November 8, 1951 in Clinton, Iowa, to James and Lillian Vining, Rich lived a life marked by love, dedication and accomplishment. A 1970 graduate of Clinton High School, Rich excelled in swimming and track and field. Rich earned an athletic scholarship to Western Illinois University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business degree in 1974. He went on to Drake University and earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in 1977. After college, Rich joined his father's home building company, Builders Supply, before embarking on a successful career in finance. He found his professional home at Clinton National Bank where he worked until retiring in 2014. Over decades of dedicated service, he rose to the role of Executive Vice President and CFO, leaving a lasting legacy in his community.

Rich was the proud father of two children, Erik and Erin. In 2020 Rich married the love his life, Mary Walker. Together, they shared a bond filled with adventure, countless road trips, and a home life filled with the simple pleasures of life. Their deep affection for one another was unmistakable, and anyone lucky enough to spend time around Rich and Mary heard their heartfelt and playful nickname for each other, "Buttercup". Their love was a shining example of partnership, laughter, and unwavering devotion.

Rich's unmatched kindness left an indelible mark on everyone he met. His quick wit and sense of humor will be remembered by his family and friends. Rich had a unique affinity for all things spooky or gross, from scary movies to stories that made others squirm. He delighted in sharing those moments with family and friends, sparking both laughter and exaggerated groans, much to his own amusement. An avid triathlete, Rich's athleticism and determination led him to complete the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, in 1986-a feat that remained a source of pride throughout his life.

Rich is survived by his loving wife Mary, his children Erik Vining of Chicago, and Erin (Steven) Skutley of West Des Moines, his sister Diane Roseland, and brother Jim (Devra) Vining, many nieces and nephews, aunt Donna (Gary) Mulholland, many cousins, and his two “boys”, Blackie James and Striper Joseph. Preceding Rich in death were his parents, and brother-in-law, Dick Roseland.

A public visitation will be Monday, December 30, 2024 from 4:00-7:00pm at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Private Services will be held with burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Paul Mulholland, Jeff Roseland, Steve Skutley, Tevien Pinckney, Dexter Fisher, and Paul Fisher.

Memorials may be made to Midwest Pets for Life or the Clinton Humane Society.

Events

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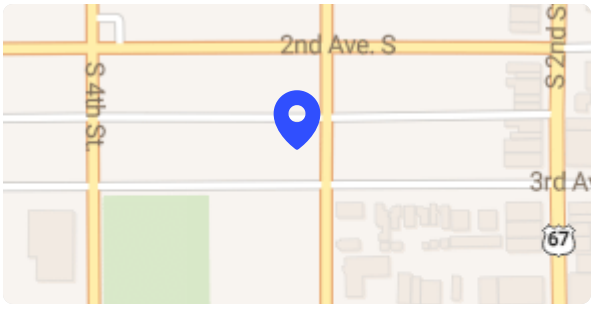
Visitation

Monday, December 30, 2024

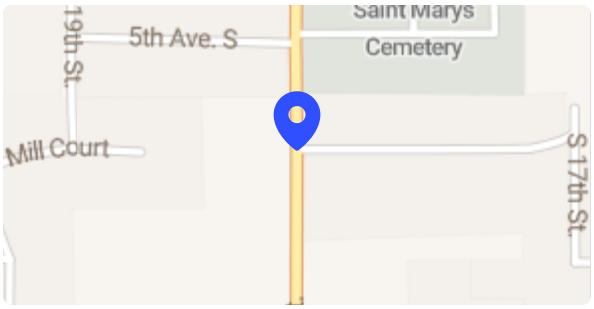
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery
500 South 18th Street, Clinton IA 52732



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BH

Bob And Libby Henry posted:

Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Vining family. From all we've heard, Rich was an extraordinary man and father. We've made a donation to the Clinton Humane Society in Rich's honor. May his memory be a blessing. - Bob and Libby Henry

January 5 at 7:43 AM

DH

Dan Hickey posted:

Vining Family - we are thinking of you all. We've donated to the Clinton Humane Society in Richard's honor, it seems like a wonderful cause. Stay strong and know that we are here for you. - Dan H.

December 30 at 8:53 AM

PC

Peter Custer posted:

Vining Family - I was deeply saddened to hear of Rich's passing. In reading the various memorials and tributes, there is no question that he lived an incredibly full life, leaving a lasting impact on those fortunate enough to know him. Without question, he shined in his greatest role in life, as a father. Please know that my thoughts are with you - Peter C.

December 30 at 5:58 AM

Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vining family.

December 29 at 4:18 PM

JF

Jeff Fischer posted:

Rich was the bike mentor of my life and still is. We rode together for a couple of years and then separately after we started having kids. Although much stronger than I he always kept my pace except when we raced then I tried to keep up with him which I never could. Will think of Rich fondly as I climb the hills on the rest of my life.

December 29 at 9:12 AM

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LW

Love You Vining! Justin & Megan Welsh sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Vining family.

December 28 at 5:22 PM

RR

Rich Reusche lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Sincere Condolences and Sympathy to Mary. Erik, Erin, Extended Family and Friends, the Loss of Rich Vining..So saddenened as my Wife Jan informed me of Rich, passing..totally Shocking..Reflections, Memories..of aRich..A Wonderful, Always Caring, and Truly Friendly Neighbor when my Wife, Jan and I moved to our home on Carriage Hill Ct..next door to Rich in 2004..I knew of him at CHS..as an accomplished athlete 1970 graduate; myself ..1972 Graduate..CHS..So years later, becoming Neighbors was a Great CHS Alumni renewell..reintroducing..as we knew Common Friendships.. Rich, a Truly Great Man, and Friend to all who knew him..All Peace..my Friend.

December 28 at 2:26 PM

MW

Max & Miranda Walker sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Vining family.

December 28 at 11:29 AM

BF

Beth Fisher sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Vining family.

December 28 at 10:25 AM

LM

Lyman And Mary Miller posted:

Rich and I were roommates at the Delta Tau Delta house on MacArthur Street. It was a year filled with mischief, fun and educational success. Rich fit in well with the group of guys from Cambridge Illinois and we would get together periodically over the years. Mary and I will miss him and have sincere condolences for his family.

December 28 at 8:30 AM

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DS

Delt Brother Mark Slover sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Vining family.

December 28 at 6:04 AM

HT

Honey Dudes Team sent a Large Basket Garden to the Vining family.

December 28 at 5:12 AM

PD

Pj Donoghue sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vining family.

December 28 at 3:59 AM

JG

Jeff Galvin sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.

My deepest condolences to Rich's family. I knew him from Delta Tau Delta at WIU for 50 years. He was truly the "GENUINE ARTICLE". One of the nicest guys I have known. RIP Brother "Vinny". My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless.

December 28 at 3:54 AM

MW

Mark Winstead posted:

My best friend in DTD! RIP brother.

December 27 at 6:17 PM

Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

December 27 at 5:51 PM

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Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Vining family.

December 27 at 5:51 PM

Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.

December 27 at 5:35 PM

Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vining family.

December 27 at 5:35 PM

Anonymous sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Vining family.

December 27 at 4:19 PM

RF

Ron And Jane Johnson And Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Vining family.

December 27 at 4:13 PM

JS

John And Tawney O'shea posted:

We are so very sorry to learn of Rich's untimely death. Rich was a great bicyclist and talented all-around athlete as well as a very devoted father who will truly be missed by all he came in contact with. We have been fortunate to have had him as a friend.

December 27 at 3:37 PM

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Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Vining family.

December 27 at 3:06 PM

CN

Christy Neece lit a candle in honor of Richard.

December 27 at 1:57 PM

CN **Christy Neece** December 27 at 1:58 PM
Rich was such a kind person always enjoyed our talks. Condolences to his family

Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Vining family.

December 27 at 1:01 PM

Memories only last if you share them

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

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