



## James R. Haring

September 23, 1935 - August 26, 2018

James R. Haring, 82, of Clinton passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Bickford Cottage – Clinton.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2018 at Chancy Lutheran Church – Clinton. Burial will be in the Elvira Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the church. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes is honored to serve the Haring family.

James Ralph Haring was born September 23, 1935 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Ralph R. and Lucile (Graham) Haring. He attended church and was baptized at the First United Methodist Church in Clinton. He was a 1953 graduate of Clinton High School. He attended Clinton Community College for 1 year studying Pre-Engineering. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on June 4, 1956. He proudly served his country until 1958.

James married Arlene Johns on November 18, 1956. They were married nearly 56 years when she passed away on August 16, 2012. He worked for Daniel Haring Company beginning the summer of 1949 as a young man while in school; he continued to work there until 1976. In 1976, he began working for the Clinton Community School District as Director of Maintenance, Grounds & Buildings. He retired on June 10, 1997.

He loved working and living in the Clinton Community. Jim volunteered his time and talents to many of his passions especially those focused on conservation. His dream was to ensure the continuing education of the area's children regarding the environment through the creation, design and development of the Rock Creek Eco Tourism Center. He was also an active member in the Izaak Walton League of America for over 65 years, serving in various roles at both the State and National levels. He also volunteered his time to the Clinton County Conservation Board, the Alverno Board, and was a founding member of Clinton Trees Forever. He was a member of Chancy Lutheran Church in Clinton; serving on many boards and the church counsel. Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting,

and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters: Joni (Larry) McDonnell of Clinton, Susan (Jeff) Block of Grayslake, Illinois, and Nancy (Kevin) Rockrohr of Sabula; four grandsons: James (Casey) McDonnell, Chase (Alison Slowey) Rockrohr, Cole Rockrohr, and Nick Block, two granddaughters: Katrina (Duncan) Grinstead, Kelsey (Garrett Smith) Block; four great-grandchildren: Alexia Grinstead, Zachary McDonnell, Zoey McDonnell and Noah Grinstead; three siblings: Ray (Joan) Haring of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Ron (Charlene) Haring of Low Moor, Iowa, and Carol (Dave) Anderson of Prospect Heights, Illinois; and his special friend Joan Wiebenga of Clinton.

In addition to his wife, Jim was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Janice Haring.

Memorials may be made to the Clinton County Conservation Foundation.

# Cemetery

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## Elvira Cemetery

Elvira, IA,

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Chancy Lutheran Church

2315 Wallace Street, Clinton, IA, US

**AUG** **Service** 10:00AM

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Chancy Lutheran Church

2315 Wallace Street, Clinton, IA, US

# Comments

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“ Sorry for your loss. He will be missed. He did good things for our community. You have our sympathy. Stan and Kay Dierks.

**stan Dierks** - August 30, 2018 at 04:25 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James R. Haring.



August 29, 2018 at 03:59 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss of Jim from Keith and Phyliss Jensen of Vliage Coop

**Keith and Phylis Jensen** - August 29, 2018 at 01:42 PM

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“ I first met Jim in 1984. I had just accepted the position of starting and running the new Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) Midwest Office, and Jim was chair of the committee assigned to be a liaison. In a sense, that made him my boss. We became great friends. Jim had the measure of humility found in great leaders. His other leadership trait I so admired was his willingness to consider an issue, even if he was initially unsure. He had an open mind, another trait of great leaders. On our first meeting, he told me he thought the new office should be in the Quad Cities, not Minneapolis as the League exec board had decided. Years later, he told me we had made the right decision. Again and again, He would study an issue before coming to a decision, revise his thinking based on new or more information, or stick with a good decision in the face of controversy.

In 2007, I stepped down as IWLA executive director. I heard I was being considered for the League's highest award, the 54 Founders, along with Jim. I called the chair and told him there was no way I wanted to step in front of Jim to get the award, please give it to Jim. I heard that he did the same thing for me. Jim got the award in 2007. I got it in 2008.

I have not talked with Jim in 10 years, but I think about him all the time as a friend, mentor and one of the great leadership examples of my life. My job put me in the room with U.S. Presidents and other top leaders in business and government. Not one of them had better leadership qualities than Jim Haring. I hope his family knows what an extraordinary man this was.

Paul W. Hansen  
IWLA Midwest Office Director, 1984-1995  
IWLA Executive Director, 1995-2007  
paulwhansen@me.com

Paul W Hansen - August 29, 2018 at 11:16 AM

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“ Reyes Beer Division purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James R. Haring.



Reyes Beer Division - August 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ Ellyn Stuhlman lit a candle in memory of James R. Haring



**Ellyn Stuhlman** - August 28, 2018 at 12:54 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Jim overseeing the school district building and grounds especially at Lincoln and Lyons. . He was always seeing that things were the best they could be for students and staff. Even his chuckle as he told you something was not possible, showed his caring. My sympathy to his nice family. Richard Grugin .

**Richard Grugin** - August 28, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ We know that Jim will forever be in your hearts. Thoughts of peace from your family in Utah - Allan and Amy Anderson

**amy anderson** - August 28, 2018 at 09:19 AM

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“ Warren And Susan Amman lit a candle in memory of James R. Haring



**Warren and Susan Amman** - August 27, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I lived in the neighborhood when we were in high school. What a great family....Karen Carlsen

**Karen Carlsen** - August 30, 2018 at 04:09 PM