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## James S. Pilgrim



James S. Pilgrim, 96, of Clinton passed away December 29, 2020, at the Alverno - Clinton.

Memorial Services are being planned for a later date at the First Congregational Church in Clinton when family and friends can come together. Private burial will be in the Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, Iowa. According to Mr. Pilgrim's wishes, his body has been cremated. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling his services. Online condolences may be 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 Archaeological 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 Plattsburgh, Nebraska; Nicholas Caruso of Clinton; and Cara (Dan) Bortor of Deer Field, Wisconsin; three step-grandsons: Jeff (Kristy) Christensen, Ron (Katy) Christensen, JR. and Dan Christensen; eight great grandchildren: Ben Christensen, Lauren Christensen, Tyrus (Alma) Nortman, Scott Nortman, Stevenson Christensen, Porter Steere, Oliver Cherry and Brinley Bortor; two sisters-in-law: 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.