



Maurice Dewitt Clinton

August 31, 1938 - February 22, 2026

Maurice Dewitt Clinton, 87, of Kell, passed away at 5:30 a.m., Sunday, February 22, 2026, at his home.

He was born August 31, 1938, in Whittington, Illinois, the son of Joseph Ewing and Hazel Marie (Sneed) Clinton. In 1976, in Boyd, Illinois, he married Versa Elaine Douthit, and she preceded him in death on May 17, 2025.

Mr. Clinton was a graduate of Benton High School, in Benton, Illinois, and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Pleasant View Free Will Baptist Church, in Walnut Hill, Illinois. He enjoyed fishing, all things agriculture, and taking care of his cows (“The Girls”).

He is survived by his children, Beverly Gilbreath and husband Patrick of Dyersburg, Tennessee, Dale Clinton of Downers Grove, Illinois, and Apryl Ruiz and husband Fabian of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Amanda Dotson, Chad Blalock, and Mia Gilbreath of Dyersburg, Tennessee, Maris Clinton, Cray Clinton, Callon Clinton, and Myla Clinton of Streamwood, Illinois, and Giliane Ruiz and Roberto Ruiz of Nashville, Tennessee; great-grandchildren, Caden Dotson, Cole Dotson, Knox Blalock, and Baker Blalock of Dyersburg, Tennessee; brother, Marlin Clinton and wife Bonnie of Lockport, Illinois; and sisters, Sue Yosanovich and husband John of Buckner, Illinois, and Nancy Stallard of Odin, Illinois.

In addition to his wife, Elaine Clinton, he was preceded in death by a son, Jarred Clinton; his parents, Joe and Hazel Clinton; and brothers, Jim Clinton, Eddie Clinton, and Jody Clinton.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded for Mr. Clinton, and his family will be hosting a memorial service at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Pleasant View Free Will Baptist Church, located at 3601 Kell Road, Walnut Hill, Illinois 62893, with Shannon Hayes officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Pleasant View Free Will Baptist Church, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant View Free Will Baptist Church
3601 Kell Road
Walnut Hill, IL 62893

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Maurice has been a true friend since we met at Boatmen's Bank in 1986. Never will forget his smile. I have cherished each and every visit we have ever had. I was even able to write down a few Maurice-isms over the years. Praying for peace and comfort for all of the family.

Ken Hayse - February 28 at 03:06 PM

JK

“ Jeffrey and Kelly purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maurice Dewitt Clinton.



Jeffrey and Kelly - February 27 at 08:32 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Maurice Dewitt Clinton.



February 26 at 05:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maurice Dewitt Clinton.

February 26 at 05:54 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to the Clinton family. Maurice was my Dad's (Fred Fowler) life long friend. They shared a love of farming and fishing. I remember Maurice from when I was little and even when it had been years since I had seen him, he always greeted me with a smile. Wishing peace and comfort to your family.

Cindy Fowler Dulin

Cindy Dulin - February 26 at 03:39 PM

KG

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Maurice. He was one of my favorite people on this planet. I always enjoyed when he would stop in the barn to sell calves or just to visit. He was always positive and had the best attitude of anyone. He lit up the room when he walked in. I'm so very sorry for your loss. He was one of a kind, and will be sincerely missed.

Kimberly Gordon - February 24 at 10:46 PM