



## Jerry J. Zear

March 2, 1941 - September 22, 2018

Jerry J. Zear, 77, of Oskaloosa passed away Saturday evening, September 22, 2018, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Jerry Joe Zear, son of Raymond and Nellie (Bitner) Zear, was born March 2, 1941, in Delta, Iowa. He was raised on the farm and attended Boston School, a one-room country school, a mile from his home in Keokuk County. He was a 1959 graduate of Richland High School, where he played the trumpet and played in small instrumental groups in S.E. Iowa. He earned his teaching degree in Science Education from William Penn College in 1963 and a master's degree in Science education from NE Missouri State University in 1972.

Through his teaching career, Jerry taught in public schools in Fremont, Redfield, and Algona for 34 years, before retiring in 1997. He also taught a course for science teachers one summer at the University of Northern Iowa. During his years of teaching, Jerry became the "Sound Guy" at the schools and in the communities he resided. And while he lived in Algona, he operated Video Creations, a business doing videos of weddings and other occasions.

Jerry married Ruth Visser, March 28, 1997. They made their home in Oskaloosa and Jerry became involved in the community. He served on the Oskaloosa Evangelism Committee, where he assisted with the planning and advertising for Christian music events they sponsored in the community. After moving to Oskaloosa, he readily shared his equipment and expertise in sound again. Working with the chamber, Jerry set up speakers and microphone for the numerous announcing stations for the Lighted Christmas Parade. He also provided his skills and resources at the Town and Country Banquet, Steven Memorial Animal Shelter events, and many other local happenings. In 2010, Jerry was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as "Volunteer of the Month," and in 2014, he was again honored by the chamber as "Volunteer of the Year" for his many years of providing sound to the community.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Ruth.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Danny.

Visitation will begin after 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday evening.

Private graveside funeral services will be held at Forest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions made to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter.

Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting [langkampfuneralchapel.com](http://langkampfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery

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## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

# Events

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**SEP** **Open Visitation** 11:00AM

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Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory

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**SEP** **Family Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Jerry was a very special uncle! He loved teaching science and showing us many different things as I and my siblings grew up. From water rockets , science experiments, and even talking to the boys in our Boy Scout troop. And as I was older with my 4 sons. He provided the sound system for us during our cubscout rocket launch. Jerry was so kind hearted and a gentle man. Our family will miss all of our fun conversations with him! RIP Jerry, We Love You!

**Sharon and David Ingram and Sons** - September 23, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. May God's grace provide you comfort. Stu and Lori Davidson

**stu Davidson** - September 23, 2018 at 05:04 PM



“ Jerry helped Osk. Comm. Evangelism much for several years with Chamber contacts, sign construction, advertising & the like. He was skilled in his making of unique stands for signs & microphones & worked hard on sound set-ups & quality for the many events he was involved in. I never knew Jerry during his teaching years but he had to have been earnest & capable in imparting knowledge. Health challenges faced him for some time, & he is now at peace.

**Harold Fynaardt** - September 24, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ Jerry made an audio tape of our wedding at Woolson Friends almost 48 years ago that I still play. He and Dan visited us in Jacksonville, Florida, when Doug was in the Navy. We were so thrilled to have a visit from home! Friends of our youth are always precious even though miles sometimes separate us over the years. Jerry always tried new ways to help students learn and be interested in the wonder of science. Doug and Martha Snyder

**Douglas Snyder** - September 24, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Ruth, Our love and Prayers are sent your way at this very hard time for you. I'm not doing too well but plan to get to L. F Home to visit with you for a bit. With Prayers, Jim and Barb

**James E. Klampe** - September 24, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ I worked with Jerry on the Evangelism committee. He was a hard worker and did everything with excellence. When he was at the care center, I remember him for his friendliness and that smile. I send my thoughts and prayers to Ruth and the family. We will miss Jerry.

**Joyce** - September 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ Jerry was a wonderful neighbor to our family when I was young. He lived next door with his parents & did a lot of work on their farm. Jerry did the sound and video at our wedding which was held on the folks' front lawn. He handled everything so beautifully! Not only was Jerry a friend & neighbor, he was family. His grandfather, Joel Stuart, was a cousin to my great grandfather, Dillon Hinshaw, through the Hadleys. Grateful to God for this wonderful person who blessed so many. Sallie Hinshaw Hayes

**Sallie A Hayes** - October 01, 2018 at 05:47 PM