



James "Jim" Cline

January 24, 1950 - October 26, 2024

Dr. James "Jim" A. Cline, age 74, passed away on Saturday, October 26, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Jim, known affectionately in the community as "Doc Cline", was born on January 24, 1950 in Lincoln, IL to Robert "Bud" Cline and Edna Dencker Cline. Jim was a 1968 graduate of Greenview High school, a 1972 graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and a 1976 graduate of University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Champaign.

Upon graduating, he practiced for two years in Mt. Vernon, IL before coming back to his home area. He practiced at Petersburg Veterinary Clinic, eventually becoming owner. Later, he formed a partnership with Dr. Terrence O'Brien. Jim also farmed and formed a passion for raising Gelbvieh cattle, with a keen interest in their genetics. He was an avid outdoorsman - he loved fishing, hunting, and trap-shooting. While on the farm, you could find him on his four-wheeler checking his cattle and tending to his property.

He was a member of the Menard County Sportsman's Club, NRA, and fishing clubs, to name a few. Jim also enjoyed poker nights with friends. Jim is survived by his daughters, Abbey Venturini and Hayley Kalva, both of Petersburg; granddaughters Tessa and Nina Venturini of Petersburg; sister Margaret "Maggie" Urbanik (Charles) of Naples, FL; brother Dr. Joseph "Joe"

Cline (Susan) of Marquette, MI; sister-in-law Joan Cline of Naples, FL; ex-wife and friend Sally (Goben) Cline of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Cline.

A Visitation and Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 9 at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 PM, with a Memorial Service following at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date for the family to honor Jim's memory.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's name to Menard Animal Protection (MAP), menardanimalprotection.org/donate; Menard County Animal Control, 217-632-7302; the Animal Protective League (APL), www.apl-shelter.org/memorials, or to an animal rescue of the donor's choice.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Hurley Funeral Home is assisting the family at this time.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Service

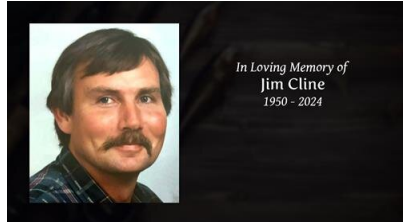
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Cline



Hurley Funeral Home - November 08, 2024 at 05:07 PM

SW

“ Stuart W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Cline.

Stuart W. - November 15, 2024 at 03:47 PM

CF

“ Cindy Price and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Cline.



Cindy Price and Family - November 08, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Cline.



November 07, 2024 at 02:30 PM

JE

“ I was assistant at Dr. Boulands in Mount Vernon when Jim came until he left. Wonderful person, glad I had the privilege to see him become a good vet!

Judy eubanks - November 06, 2024 at 09:21 PM

CH

“ Jim and I shared so many things in the last 52 years it is hard to pick what to mention. We were roommates for the first year of vet school. He cooked and I cleaned up, We went fishing together from Florida to Canadian out posts. All great trips. We both loved our bird dogs. He was a once in a lifetime friend who brought a lot of adventures to my life. It would have been a great loss to have never had him in my life. The entire Cline family always treated like I was one of them. Thank you all so much. Jim , I will always treasure the memories we shared. . Rest in peace my dear dear friend.
Charles Hiland DVM

Charles Hiland - November 01, 2024 at 07:36 PM

LK

“ We offer our deepest sympathy to all of Jim's family. Larry and Donna Kennedy

Larry Kennedy - October 31, 2024 at 04:18 PM

DP

“ *Many years ago I rescued a kitty and named her Tipper .she was about 1 yr old
She was attacked by a human who beat her so badly she lost an eye and had a broken jaw .
I called Doc he said meet me at the clinic
He immediately went to work
He saved her .. wired her jaw
She lived to be 19
Another kitty he saved her too. She lived a great life as well .
Because of him.
So many I could go on and on . This man was an exceptional vet .
Thank you Doc and may you rest in peace and know how many fur babies had great lives because of you !*

Deri Pedersen - October 31, 2024 at 01:30 PM

RS

“ *A good man, gone too soon. Our sympathy to the family.*

Rick and Karen Setzer - October 30, 2024 at 06:00 PM

JV

“ *Abbey and Hayley we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Jeff and Tracy*



Jeff and Tracy Vaughn - October 30, 2024 at 01:41 PM

AG

“ He was a wonderful veterinarian, for years, for my dogs and cats. Once, a kitten got loose outside the clinic. Doc quickly donned coveralls and looked patiently for him in the bitter cold. We found him! He was a kind and caring man, and I respected his pet advice. I would come to the services, but have a prior commitment I cannot change. God bless you all, Doc Cline's family and close friends!

April Godsil - October 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM

JU

Jim came to Mt. Vernon when he got out over school to apprentice with Don Bouland DVM... I worked with them both strange last week I thought of writing to him.. sorry I did not! Judy

Judy - November 06, 2024 at 01:48 PM

DL

“ Condolences for your loss. May God bless you through this time.

Diana Shoemaker Lind - October 30, 2024 at 11:36 AM