



## James F. Linson

November 18, 1936 - November 6, 2020

James F. Linson, 83, of Jacksonville, formerly of Anna, passed away Friday evening, November 6, 2020 at St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.

He was born November 18, 1936 in Wolf Lake, Illinois to Blanche (Miller) and William Linson. He was the middle child of three, his younger brother William (Billy) Linson (wife, Linda, survives) and older sister Shirley Linson- Grayson who both preceded him in death. He married Joyce Clair on June 3, 1967, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and she survives. Joyce and Jim were married 53 years.

He is survived by his children: Jeff Linson of Anna, Illinois, Jennifer Linson of Jacksonville, Illinois, Janean Mays of Jacksonville, Illinois (husband, Allen Mays), Josh Linson of Anna, Illinois, Michael Henry of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Lisa Marie Kerna of San Diego, California. His grandchildren include Michaelene Mays, Austin Mays, Zachary Mays, and Isla Willis all of Jacksonville, Illinois. He also has many nieces and nephews. He was a loving father who was an extremely hard worker that always provided for his family.

He was a devoted Christian and member of the First Christian Church in Anna, Illinois. He was a Sunday school teacher and Deacon for several years. Jim passed on his love for the Lord to his family and was passionate about his faith. He graduated from Anna- Jonesboro High School in 1955 then attended

The Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After attending the academy, he became a proud Marine where he served 2 terms. Jim became a truck driver where he met many people on his travels who became lifelong friends. After many years on the road, he became the proud owner/operator of Linson Transport Systems and Linson Service Center. On all his semis he had the Bible Verse, "To and for the glory of God" Corinthians 10:31.

Jim loved to work the land. Anything to do with a tractor, he did it: bush hog, mow, till, etc. You could often find him with a Dutchmaster Cigar hanging from the side of his mouth with a glass of the sweetest tea. Jim never met a stranger and he would talk your ear off with all of his stories. As he would put it, "let me lay some word on ya." He loved to give advice even though sometimes it was unwarranted. He was certainly the life of the party and jokester. Jim loved his vehicles from his 56' T- Bird to his GMC pickup. He instilled the importance of maintaining your equipment to his family. Anywhere he went Jim left a lasting impression. He will be loved and missed by many.

The family will host a memorial service to celebrate Jim's life. The visitation will be held at 11a.m. - 1p.m and the service will start at 1 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois on November 14, 2020 with military honors accorded.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Anna.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Anna Cemetery

E Davie St  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-4083

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

## Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *James F. Linson*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James F. Linson.*



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November 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Jim was my first client when I moved to Anna in 1977, and my favorite. In my first 30 days in Anna, the Lord sent two people (both named Jim) by my office for a chance visit (chance probably had little to do with it however). The first was Jim Linson. We struck up an immediate fellowship as believers in Christ that formed the foundation of our friendship. In my first 30 days Jim’s tax filing fee was the only income I earned. Needless to say, if it weren’t for Jim Linson (and another Jim who directed me to a part time job), I probably would not have remained in Anna to raise a family and enjoy it’s wonderful people.

*Jim was dedicated to Christ, his family, the Church, and the gospel. He expected excellence of himself and of all others. He was a “professional” truck driver in every sense of the word and his driving record is equaled by few. Yet Christian commitment took precedence in his life. He once left a great job because it conflicted with his commitment to be home for church services each Lord’s day. His dedication to excellence expressed itself in many ways, from meticulous truck maintenance, to the most complete business and personal financial records I have ever seen.*

*All who knew and loved Jim will miss him greatly. My condolences and prayers for his family who will miss him most. But our parting is not “goodbye” but “goodnight”. We will be together again in glory thanks to Christ our savior. There, we will appreciate our Lord even more, when imperfection puts on perfection and the mortality puts on immortality. We love you Jim.*

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**Joe Beussink** - November 10, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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*Jim was indeed a individual who encompassed the understanding, compassion, hard work, and dedication to his community, church, and fellow man. He worked tirelessly to insure all were treated with respect and dignity. His passing has left a void, in the lives of many. The prayers of Elinor and I go out to his family, and friends. Our heavenly father now has another Angel in whom he can rely and trust. The Class of 1955 has a void that cannot be replaced. Don and Elinor Egelston*

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**Donald R Egelston** - November 13, 2020 at 07:47 AM

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“ Sid lit a candle in memory of James F. Linson



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**Sid** - November 08, 2020 at 07:58 AM