



Bruce A. Hering

March 24, 1947 - September 24, 2024

To join the livestream broadcast of Bruce's funeral service, please select the link below. The livestream will begin at 12:55 P.M., Tuesday, October 1, 2024. The video of the service will be available for viewing for 90 days following the funeral ceremony.

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Bruce Arthur Hering, age 77, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday afternoon, September 24, 2024, at 2:45 PM at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bruce was born March 24, 1947 in Bergen County, New Jersey. He was the son of Edmund Manuel Hering (1909 – 1968) and Sylvia (Quackenbush) Hering (1909-1996). Bruce is a descendant of Peter (sic) Haring (1633-1683) and Grieje Cozyns (1634 – 1724) both of whom were born in Holland. Bruce's mother, Sylvia, excelled in athletics in high school and received awards in track & field as well as basketball. She was employed by the MEM Company in New York, a men's perfumery manufacturing business. During World War II, Sylvia was employed as a factory worker. Bruce's father, Edmund, was a well-known pigeon racer, prior to being drafted into the pigeon corps and he served in the European theater of operation during World War II. Following his military service, Edmund was employed as a bookkeeper and served as manager of

the Meadow Brook Nursery in New Jersey. He assisted with landscaping for the St. Lawrence Seaway. Later, Edmund served as the manager of a golf course. In his retirement, Edmund raised and trained English Pointer Bird Dogs in Johnson County Illinois on the old Everett Willaims farm near Tunnel Hill. Both Edmund and Sylvia were born in New Jersey and both passed away in Johnson County Illinois.

Bruce was a 1961 graduate of the Norwood (N.J.) Public School and a member of the 1965 graduating class of Northern Valley Regional High School in Old Tappan, New Jersey. Bruce attended the University of Louisville, Kentucky as well as Lincoln College in Illinois. Bruce earned a Masters Degree in Education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

In high school, Bruce was the lead singer for the rock-n-roll band, Fish & Chips. The band had a top 20 hit in the 1960's "Four Times Faster." The band played many night clubs on the east coast as well as performing at Palisades Park in Bergen County, New Jersey. Fish & Chips opened for a number of rock-n-roll bands of the era, including The Rolling Stones.

Bruce was employed as the manager of the sporting goods department at the J.C. Penney Department Store in Carbondale as well as the sporting goods department of the Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store in Mt. Vernon.

After moving to Carbondale to attend S.I.U., Bruce met his future wife, Marilyn Schaumleffel, in 1970. They were united in marriage in 1975 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. They moved to Johnson County in 1979.

In addition to his wife, Bruce is survived by cousins, including – Mildred Supplee of Florida, Daniel (Sherry) Schaumleffel of Pope County Illinois and Diana (John) Cramer of Fulton, Missouri.

Bruce was a lifelong educator and sportsman. He began his teaching career at the Vienna Correctional Center as the game management instructor through Southeastern Illinois College in April 1981. Through Bruce's leadership, the game bird management program raised as many as 30,000 quail and pheasants for Illinois Department of Conservation, as well as various clubs and preserves throughout the region. As the correctional system changed its focus, Bruce transferred to the Harrisburg campus of Southeastern Illinois College. Bruce taught a full program in game preserve management and shooting complex management. He, along with his students, traveled to and refereed many national sport clay shooting competitions. Bruce was a State of Illinois Safety Instructor and Level III Sporting Clays Instructor for the National Clay Association. Bruce retired from Southeastern Illinois College in May 2018.

Bruce was an avid deer, duck, goose and woodcock hunter. He enjoyed fly fishing and crafting his own fly fishing lures. Bruce also was a skilled archer. He raised and enjoyed showing gait horses.

Bruce had a great sense of adventure. He was a member of the A.M.M. (American Mountain Men) Association since 1978. He was honored to hold membership # 761. Bruce was also a member of the National Sporting Clays Association, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Parker Gun Collectors Association, the contemporary Long Rifle Association, the Lefever Long Arms Association, and the Harrisburg (IL) Gun Club. He served as a field representative for the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. Bruce also served as a consultant with the Integrated Wildlife & Agriculture Resource management where he worked with shooting preserves and hunt leases.

Bruce was slated to be the recipient of the Hal duPont Service Award during the National Sporting Clays Association Hall of Fame induction in San

Antonio, Texas in October 2024.

Bruce operated a wholesale black powder distribution business, serving a five state area. He and Marilyn operated the "Shawnee Tradin' Post" black powder distribution business. Bruce also hand crafted black powder firearms.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, October 1, 2024, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tom Loyd will officiate.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 10 A.M. until the funeral hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Quail Forever, Inc., 1783 Buerkle Circle, St. Paul, Minnesota 55110 or online by visiting www.quailforever.org

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Bailey Funeral Home - October 01, 2024 at 01:33 PM

RN

Bruce was an absolute LEGEND he changed so many peoples lives for the better. Bruce you were indirectly the father to a lot of kids that were picked from across the country and other parts of the world to this little school on a hill surrounded by bean and corn fields. Bruce we all loved you and you will be missed.

Shinzee

Riaan Nel - October 02, 2024 at 09:20 AM

RC

“ *I've recently learned of Bruce's passing. He was instrumental in my career path while I was one his students in the class of 1998. We always stayed in touch through the years talking about guns, bird dogs, and hunting woodcock. Bruce will be deeply missed by me and the outdoor industry.*

Randy Clark

randy Clark - October 22, 2024 at 02:38 PM

JA

“ JB Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering



JB Anderson - October 03, 2024 at 10:39 AM

EC

“ Marilyn, So sorry sending Prayers of Comfort and Peace Tim & Elaine Coonce



Elaine Coonce - October 01, 2024 at 01:06 PM

RT

“ Bruce was a great friend to the Illinois Brittany Club when we ran our field trials at Rend Lake Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. He brought his SIC students to put out quail that made for successful events. His program was fantastic. He was a special sportsman all around. Gone too soon.

Ray and Mary Jo Trimble - October 01, 2024 at 10:50 AM

BU

“ Bruce was a great roommate in college and fellow student at siu. I had the pleasure of meeting his folks and enjoying their hospitality on a visit to New Jersey. Nancy and I visited Bruce and Marilyn in Tunnel Hill and enjoyed it greatly.

Bob Underwood - September 30, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RS

“ *Roni Merchant-Suttle and Dave Suttle purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bruce A. Hering.*



Roni Merchant-Suttle and Dave Suttle - September 30, 2024 at 03:32 PM

KS

“ *Kylah Sellin Schueller purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bruce A. Hering.*



Kylah Sellin Schueller - September 30, 2024 at 08:01 AM

SV

“ *Shari Verkey lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Shari Verkey - September 27, 2024 at 03:00 PM

PP

“ *Peter Perretti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruce A. Hering.*

Peter Perretti - September 27, 2024 at 07:07 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Hering.*



September 27, 2024 at 07:07 AM



“ *I worked with Bruce at Southeastern Illinois College and am very sorry to learn of his passing. He will be missed. My he rest in eternal peace*

Mary Jo Oldham Morgan - September 26, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, he will be missed. His wit and humor were wonderful. His devotion to you was so sweet.*

Joy Trammell - September 26, 2024 at 02:55 AM



“ *Ann Woodworth lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



ann woodworth - September 25, 2024 at 04:05 PM

ML

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. It has been many years since I was a student in his class. He taught all of us valuable lessons and also helped us to become productive members of society. His guidance in and out of the classroom, and the care he showed in helping us with our future careers, is something I will always be grateful for.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. He was a good man, and I know he will be greatly missed by many.

With sympathy,

Mike Lamb- Class of 91'



Mike Lamb - September 25, 2024 at 03:59 PM

BT

“ Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering



Becky Turley - September 25, 2024 at 02:33 PM

KW

“ Bruce was a retired faculty member from Southeastern Illinois College. On behalf of the faculty and staff of SIC, we would like to offer our condolences to Marilyn and Bruce's family on his passing. Bruce was both a colleague and friend, and he will be missed.
Karen Weiss

Karen Weiss - September 25, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of
Bruce A. Hering



John Slack - September 25, 2024 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ Bruce was an amazing friend and mentor! He was family..RIP Bruce!



Chris and LaRae Harner - September 25, 2024 at 12:14 AM

GH

“ Gary & Janet Hacker lit a candle in memory of
Bruce A. Hering



Gary & Janet Hacker - September 24, 2024 at 10:39 PM

LG

“ *Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Lora Goddard - September 24, 2024 at 10:15 PM

TC

“ *Tony & Donna Cardinali lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Tony & Donna Cardinali - September 24, 2024 at 09:15 PM

FB

“ *Frances And Henry Bullock lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Frances and Henry Bullock - September 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Nancy Breeden - September 24, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in
memory of Bruce A. Hering*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - September 24, 2024 at 06:02 PM