

James Acton

## *James Justin Acton*

June 6, 1940 - August 25, 2015  
Resided in Denver, IA

### **Obituary**

James "Jim" Acton, 75, of Denver, died Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at his home in Denver.

Jim was born June 6, 1940, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of John and Dorothy (Snelling) Acton. He graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1958 and then immediately entered the United States Air Force. He received specialized training while in the Air Force at Yale University where he studied the intricacies of the Chinese language. This training led Jim to become a linguist in the early years of the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1962. On June 1, 1968, he was united in marriage to Karen Ann Hawkins in Camanche, Iowa. He attended the University of Northern Iowa where he received his B.A. in History in 1970 and M.A. in Library Science in 1971. Jim started working as a Media Specialist at Holmes Junior High in Cedar Falls in 1971; a job he held until his retirement in 2001.

Jim had a passion for caring for his forest and surrounding land. He enjoyed reading, reenacting the Revolutionary War and fur trade, being a founding member of Turkeyfoot Longrifles in Cedar Falls and watching westerns. He was a longtime member of the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post #653 in Denver. Alongside Karen, he volunteered for Green Scene of Black Hawk County.

Jim is survived by his wife, Karen of Denver, daughter, Julia Acton of St. Paul, Minnesota, and a brother, John (Carol) Acton of Denver, Colorado. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and John.

A Memorial Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post # 653 in Denver. On-line condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com).

## Guestbook



**Maxine Barrows**

Created: August 27, 2015

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Hi Karen and Julia, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I recall so many great memories working with Jim at Holmes...especially his stories and love for sharing books. That's such a great picture of Jim...always remember his smile and laugh. God Bless you! Our love, Dave and Maxine Barrows



**Lowell Kuecker**

Created: August 26, 2015

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Karen and Julia, My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim was a very kind and caring man. He was always there to help, even when I ran my son's car into the ditch in your cull de sac one winter night. His kindness and willingness to help me that night was just one example of how you help those in need. I won't ever forget that valuable lesson. God Bless. Lowell Kuecker



**Cathy Ralston**

Created: August 26, 2015

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Dearest Karen, I am so sorry to hear this news. Jim always made me smile with his witty humor and contagious grin. I was privileged to continue communicating with him through your participation in Green Scene. Jim will be greatly missed. I hope to hug you at Jim's visitation. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughters during this sorrowful time. Cathy Ralston



**Shelly Tix**

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Please accept my Deepest Sympathy. My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family.



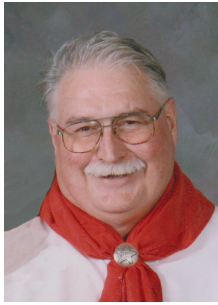
**Diane Johnson**

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Dear Karen and Julia, My sympathy at the passing of your husband and father. May your memories bring you comfort and peace. I remember him with a big smile and a laugh to match.

## Photos




## Services

### Funeral Home

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**Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.  
- Denver, Iowa**

110 S. State Street P.O. Box 525  
Denver, IA US 50622-0525

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### Visitation

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