



## Bruce A. Starkweather

September 22, 1952 - March 14, 2017

Bruce A. Starkweather, age 64 of O Fallon, IL, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at his residence.

He was born September 22, 1952, in Alton, IL, the son of William J. and Margaret L. (nee Claxton) Starkweather.

Bruce was born in Alton, IL and grew up in Godfrey, IL. He attended Greenville High School and graduated in 1970 from Winterboro High, Alabama. He joined the U.S. Army in 1973 and served with duties in Germany, Korea, Honduras and many bases in the US. He was a crew chief on Apache Helicopters. He retired in 1995 as Sgt 1st Class. He received his Associated Degree as a Paralegal at Belleville College 1997 - 2000. He lived in O Fallon area since his retirement. He work the last 5 years with security for U.S. Government in various locations in the St. Louis area. He enjoyed playing the banjo, guitar and mandolin. He enjoyed listening and playing Blue Grass music with friends and spoiled his grandson.

Survivors include :

Son - Jesse L. Starkweather, Belleville, IL

Son - Jean A. (Fiancee - Anastasia M. Conley) Starkweather, Hazelwood, MO

Grandchild - James A. Starkweather, Saint Jacob, IL

Sister - Sherry G. (Michael) Lappe, New Douglas, IL

Sister - Glenna J. White, Brighton, IL

Sister - Betty G. (Ronald) Wilson, Delavan, WI

He was preceded in death by :

Father - William Joy Starkweather Died 2/3/2014

Mother - Margaret L. Starkweather nee Claxton Died 5/31/2009

Brother-in-law - Robert White

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Friday, March 17, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL .

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 17, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL., with Rev. Mark Gause officiating.

Interment will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

# Tribute Wall



“ We shared many a great times together in Honduras. Getting caught in the women's shower cause you didn't. I know the time change and it was their turn and especially the Barbara Fairchild concert.... You were one heck of an aviator and proud to have served with you. R I P my brother.

*First Sergeant Retired*

*Richard Curtis*

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**Richard Curtis** - May 05, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ Bruce was our Huey flight platoon Sergeant in Honduras. We flew many mission's during our rotation in the 1985-86, under high stress dangerous conditions. Bruce was always calm and collected. He was a mentor and had extreme knowledge of U.S. Army operations. He was a kind and gentle man. He kept his soldiers out of trouble and left a huge impact on me through out my life. A quiet Giant of a man, R.I.P. Bruce, we will miss you. I sent an e-mail to the fly boy's of the 502nd Aviation.

*John Scanlon-Hawaii*



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**john scanlon** - April 17, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Starkweather.*



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March 16, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *Rest easy. We have the watch.*

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**Mike Cowan** - March 16, 2017 at 05:10 PM



“ *Dan Debra Lorette purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Bruce A. Starkweather.*



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**Dan Debra Lorette** - March 16, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *My Dear Starkweather Family, your Claxton family shares your sorrow and grief. We also share fond memories of Bruce. He was another brother to Tim and me. What great times we had when our families got to visit together. We will miss his gentle nature but he is in our hearts. We love you all.*  
*Brenda*

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**Brenda Wieseman** - March 16, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bruce A. Starkweather.* ”



March 16, 2017 at 09:58 AM



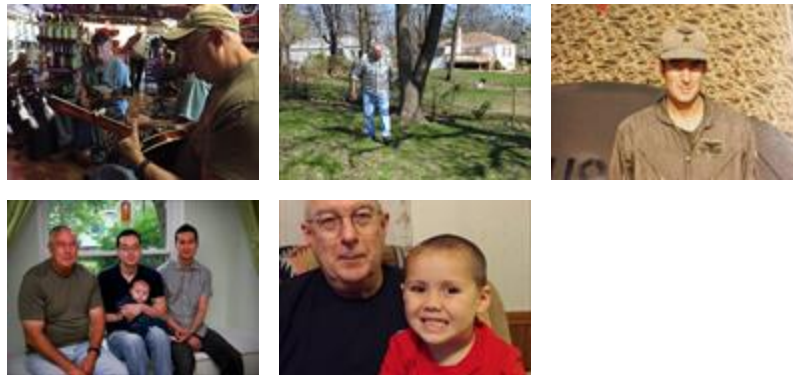
“ *Perry Harris purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bruce A. Starkweather.* ”



**Perry Harris** - March 16, 2017 at 08:36 AM



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**Perry Harris** - March 16, 2017 at 07:25 AM

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“*Bruce, I will miss you my brother. You were what a stand up guy is supposed to be. I will pray for your family to have strength to cope with losing such a great man. Until we meet again, Rest In Peace.*”

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**Chuck Thompson** - March 16, 2017 at 02:10 AM

FM

“*From Monte Freeman. (Fellow Musician) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bruce A. Starkweather.*”



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**From Monte Freeman. (Fellow Musician)** - March 15, 2017 at 07:23 PM

HE

“*Heather lit a candle in memory of Bruce A. Starkweather*”



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**Heather** - March 15, 2017 at 06:30 PM

JE

“*Just think who he'll be playin' with.....leaves a dime.*”

*Jerry Edwards  
SFC U.S. Army  
Retired*

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**Jerry Edwards** - March 15, 2017 at 05:40 PM

DL

“ So sorry for your loss. Bruce was a wonderful, caring, friendly guy. Lots of memories of him at Sherry & Mike's house for parties. He will be greatly missed.

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**Dale & Lisa Lappe** - March 15, 2017 at 05:28 PM

 Perry  
Harris

“ How can I keep this short? Linda and I loved him so much. HE was a brother, not just a friend. We spent time together whenever we could. We always talked several times a month if we could not visit. I will always have him In my heart and thoughts. His sons were a part of our lives as they grew up to be young men. I am here if they need me. THEY know that. May GOD my Savior shine HIS LIGHT of love and compassion into your lives and grant you all the comfort only HE knows how to provide.  
Perry and Linda Harris

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**Perry Harris** - March 15, 2017 at 05:14 PM