



William J. Starkweather

October 9, 1924 - February 3, 2014

William J. Starkweather, age 89 of Highland, IL, died Monday, February 03, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born on Thursday, October 09, 1924, in Broken Arrow, OK, the son of John W. and Mildred K. (nee Castel) Starkweather.

On Saturday, November 03, 1951, he married Margaret L. Starkweather (nee Claxton) who passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2009.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Alhambra, IL; VFW Post 5694-Highland (former Chaplain for 20 years); Lee Iten Post 439-American Legion-Highland; Disabled American Veterans (lifetime member); President of Harris Cemetery Board at Alhambra; Past President and delegate for Veterans Assistance Commission at Edwardsville, Ill..

Mr. Starkweather was born at Broken Arrow, OK., he moved to IL at age 2. He was a 1942 graduate of Hettick High School, Hettick, IL. He worked at Owens Illinois Glass for seven months then went into the Army with duty in Northern France. On 1/30/45 he was wounded and discharged 3/20/46 as a Sgt., he received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He lived in Maryland for a year, New Jersey for 3 1/2 years, and returned to IL in 1950. He then moved to Columbia, MO to work for Foremost Farms Dairy for 2 1/2 years, then School

of the Ozarks as herdsman for 2 1/2 years, he then went back to Foremost Farms for 2 years. In 1958 he returned to Owens Illinois Glass and on 9/1/58 he became a Dairy herdsman at Alton State Hospital for 5 years; from 1963-1965 he worked in WI as herdsman; from 1967-1972 he managed a Dairy Farm in Greenville; from 1972-1974 he worked in Alabama as herdsman; in 1974 he went to Nanitou Farm at Alhambra for 2 1/2 years and Granada Farms; in 1976 he went to Highland and worked at the Highland Post Office for 11 years; in 1990 he worked for Clean Uniform where he retired in 2000. He traveled with his wife on Senior Citizen tours. He moved into Faith Countryside Homes in late 2007. He enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinal Baseball team; following Tiger Woods; activities at FCH; his family and faith was very important to him.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Glenna J. White, Brighton, IL

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

Son - Bruce A. Starkweather, O Fallon, IL

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

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John William Starkweather

Mother - Mildred Katherine (Castel) Starkweather

Wife - Margaret L. Starkweather (died 5/31/2009)

Brother - Eldon L. Starkweather

Grandchild - Joy Lynn White

Son In-law - Robert White.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 07, 2014,

at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Saturday, February 08, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 08, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Alhambra, IL, with Pastor Matt Candlish, Youth Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Roselawn Cemetery, Bethalto, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Starkweather Memories Album*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - February 13, 2014 at 09:49 AM

DJ

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. He will be missed.*

Dale & Lisa Lappe Jr. - February 07, 2014 at 04:11 PM

TT

“ *The Doubletree Chesterfield Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. Starkweather.*



The Doubletree Chesterfield Team - February 07, 2014 at 08:29 AM

BW

“ My Uncle Bill has left a lasting legacy to his family, friends, acquaintances and anyone who was fortunate enough to cross his path. He was a kind, considerate, gentle Christian man who was a pleasure to be around. Something about his voice and demeanor gave one a sense of peace. He made you feel welcome and would ask about your family. He always greeted me with a hug. Uncle Bill enriched the lives of many people. I have many fond childhood and adult memories of him, Aunt Margaret and my cousins. I will miss him.....my Uncle Bill.

Brenda (Claxton) Wieseman

Brenda Wieseman - February 06, 2014 at 07:37 PM

TB

“ His "Hettick cousins"- Bill and Judy Armstrong and I spent a day with "Joy" last fall. We were amazed by his keen memory and entertained by his detailed recounting of his military service, his family stories, his beloved Jersey cattle and his life in general. Bill truly loved his family and faith. We took him to his favorite restaurant and thoroughly enjoyed the day with him. He was a really sweet man and excellent example of our "Greatest Generation". On our drive home, cousin Bill Armstrong commented, "I've wasted several days in my life, but this certainly wasn't one of them!".

Tommy Bryden, Springfield, Illinois

Tommy Bryden - February 06, 2014 at 12:18 PM

BL

“ Bill sat at the same table as my grandma at FCH. My daughters and I loved talking to him when we brought Grandma to meals. He was always so kind and had a smile on his face. We are very sad to hear of Bill's passing. We will miss seeing him! Our sympathy to his family and friends.

Becky Lunak - February 04, 2014 at 08:58 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Bill was very well respected by all who new him at the VFW including my late husband, Lenny. Each time I went to visit a friend at Faith I would look up Bill and before I could say hi, his comment was always, "I knew it was you, Sue, by your walk." He will be missed!
Sue Messerli

Sue Messerli - February 04, 2014 at 03:39 PM



“ I worked with Mr. Bill at Clean Uniform in Highland for years. He was the nicest, kindest man. He never had anything bad to say about anyone; in fact, he ALWAYS had kind words for everyone. He always had gum to hand out, and he always smiled. He was the kind of person I hope to become. My condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.
Wendy S. Williams

Wendy S. Williams - February 04, 2014 at 12:49 PM



“ Bill was a wonderful man and a loving husband he will be missed by many of us at faith countryside....

Bobbie Waymoth - February 04, 2014 at 10:44 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William J. Starkweather.



February 04, 2014 at 09:46 AM