



Chet Starr

November 4, 1931 - September 26, 2024

Chester "Chet" William Starr, 92, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2024, at Bickford Senior Living, under the care of Hospice. He was born on November 4, 1931, in Faribault, Minnesota, to Chester Winfred Starr and Gladys Marie (Snyder) Starr.

Chet graduated from Estherville High School in 1949 and, soon after, answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Air Force on September 1, 1949. During the Korean War, he was stationed in Japan as a radio mechanic, where he proudly rose to the rank of Airman 1st Class before his honorable discharge on January 16, 1953.

Upon returning home, Chet pursued his education at the University of Iowa. It was there that he met the love of his life, Vesta Ann Pitsenbarger. They were married on December 22, 1956, at the Methodist church in Redfield, Iowa, and shared a beautiful life together until Ann's passing in 1991.

Chet spent over three decades working at Addressograph Multigraph Corporation, where he utilized his technical skills as an office equipment repair technician. He retired on February 28, 1992, after a long and rewarding career.

Outside of his professional life, Chet was a man of deep passions, particularly

for the great outdoors. He spent countless hours fishing the trout streams of Northeast Iowa, relishing the peace and beauty of nature. His love for adventure extended to his faithful dog, Pepper, who accompanied him on many pheasant hunting trips. Some of Chet's most cherished memories were made during family vacations, spent tent camping and in cozy cabins along the lakeshores of Minnesota. His deep appreciation for nature and his infectious joy in sharing these experiences with his family will forever be treasured.

Chet is survived by his three children: Deborah (Bob) Condra of Cedar Falls, Iowa; James (Jenelle) Starr of Raleigh, NC; and Mary Starr (Mike Llewellyn) of Lee's Summit, MO. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Laurie Condra (Lucien Carter), Karen Yokem (Cody Clark), Austin Gamble, and Colton Gamble, along with two beloved great-grandchildren, Jonah and Mackenzie Yokem.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Gladys; his brothers, Walt and George; his sister, Mary Lou Thompsen; and his wife, Ann.

Chet's love for life, family, and nature will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

A celebration of Chet's life will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, September 30th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Interment at Hillside Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Jordan, Adam, Jenny, Cody, Nate + Leah purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Chet Starr.



Jordan, Adam, Jenny, Cody, Nate + Leah - September 30, 2024 at 04:55 PM

MN

“ Mark Starr: Nephew purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Chet Starr.



Mark Starr: Nephew - September 30, 2024 at 04:31 PM

TK

“ Had a chance to get know know Chet when he came to the WRC at UNI for water aerobics. Always had a smile on his face and positive things to say! May God grant his peace and comfort to his family at this time. Tim Klatt

Tim Klatt - September 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of many many years of water aerobics at UNI! He would walk into the pool and no matter the temperature of water he would instantly look at me and shiver and say it's too cold today I better just exercise in the hot tub! And then smile. 😊 I loved when he would stop in m my office to tell me how smart his grandchildren are and how intelligence comes from grandparents and not the parents!!! His passing saddens me but his life well lived brings me peace. I am blessed that our paths crossed!
Dana F

dana foster - September 29, 2024 at 11:30 PM

KS

“ Kent Yvonne and Eric Starr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chet Starr.

Kent Yvonne and Eric Starr - September 29, 2024 at 07:40 PM

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“ Kent Yvonne and Eric Starr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chet Starr.



Kent Yvonne and Eric Starr - September 29, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MM

“ Mike and Marilyn Matthes purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Chet Starr.



Mike and Marilyn Matthes - September 28, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chet Starr.



September 28, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Oh Debbie - Jim - Mary So Sorry 😭. I have missed my Wonderful Neighbor. Do many Happy Memories, but the best was the relationship he shared with Steven when he was little 😊.

Carol Seufferlein - September 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM