



Frank Wesley Starr

March 18, 1922 - May 19, 2017

Frank W. Starr (1922-2017)

CEDAR FALLS – Frank W. Starr, 95, of Traer, formerly of Cedar Falls died Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Premier Estates of Toledo.

He was born March 18, 1922 in Welton, Iowa, son of Carl Rupert and Edith Eloise (Bentley) Starr. He married Eleanor Nicoll on June 11, 1944 in Mechanicsville, Iowa. She died July 21, 1999.

He served in the United States Navy and earned both his BS and MS degrees. He was employed by the United States Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was a science teacher in Lorenz, and then later was a science teacher and K-12 science coordinator for the Waterloo Community School District.

Survived by: a sister, Mildred Dierksen of Tomahawk, WI.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Earl Starr.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Richardson Funeral Service assisted the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Hello, Frank Starr was my high school chemistry teacher and my home room teacher. He was a fine man. His enthusiasm was inspirational. He was also the sponsor for the photography club and was responsible for the day to day operation of the darkroom. I am currently a multi-disciplined engineer and I owe that partly to a technical sense of direction that I received from Mr. Starr. It was with great sadness that I accidentally ran across the notification of his passing. I will hold his memory carefully and gratefully. I am very sorry to hear of his passing.

George Hanson
225 Lioba Drive
Andover, KS 67002

George Hanson - June 03, 2017 at 07:15 AM

AD

“ I worked as a teacher with Frank Starr on several science committees. He was always a wonderful person to wrk with and for. My deepest condolences. Alice Diehl retired elementary teacher for the Waterloo Communities School.



Alice Diehl - May 25, 2017 at 07:24 AM

MS

“ Thank you Frank for making the world a better place and for empowering Iowa youth to discover their strengths, curiosity, skills, and career aspirations. I believe that I first met Frank at Girl Scout Camp Tahigwa where I was a counselor and he volunteered and donated so that girls could gain leadership and conservation skills. Several years later we were reintroduced when he donated the money to establish research grants for Iowa Junior Academy of Science members and through this program hundreds of Iowa middle and high school students have become successful grant funded researchers. I so much enjoyed our conversations at Iowa Academy of Science events, Frank was always gracious and inspiring.

A huge testament to how big of an impact Frank had on every student that he worked with - a few years ago I was getting an oil change and took the courtesy vehicle back to work. The driver asked when I did and when I said that I help inspire local teachers and students to do real science, the driver shared his own story about participating science trips back when he was in high school. The driver shared that because of those trips he had made sure to take his own children camping and to museums and other activities. I asked if he remembered who led those trips? Frank Starr.

Marcy Seavey - May 24, 2017 at 08:26 PM

AE

“ Thank you for being such a huge part of my life and inspiration to me. Miss and love you always uncle Frank.



Angela Evans - May 24, 2017 at 06:16 PM



Lorraine
Dunagan

“ Frank Starr was a great influence in my life. From the year 1980 to 1983 I participated in the Environmental Studies program through the Waterloo school system. We traveled to Colorado and backpacked through the Colorado mountains under his direction in the Este Park, Crested Butte area. My husband, son and I explored many of these areas just two years ago. I loved him so much and have lived a life based on the things he taught me. I am sorry for your lose. His memory will live forever in all the children that he has taught.

Lorraine Dunagan - May 24, 2017 at 05:39 PM

HN

Hello. Thank you for the wonderful memories. Frank was my great Uncle. I have received the majority of his belongings. I was wondering if you would be interested to have pictures from your trips to Colorado. There are many photos from the trips.

Heather Niec - September 05, 2018 at 09:06 PM

AW

“ Amy Wenndt lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr



Amy Wenndt - May 24, 2017 at 05:06 PM

KL

“ I am one of the many that Frank encouraged as an educator. It was the summer of 1976 and I had resigned my teaching position at MarMac. Friends and I were at a trout stream in NE Iowa and struck up a conversation with a gentleman who was also there fishing. Long story short; I joined Frank and his group of adults taking Waterloo High School students backpacking in Colorado. He encouraged me to apply to the Waterloo Schools, which I did. I taught in Waterloo until my retirement in 1976. I have Frank to thank for his encouragement to pursue my love of science. Over the years, I am sure his influence on students and teachers has multiplied many times over. With sympathy, Kate (Young) Lusthoff

Kate Lusthoff - May 24, 2017 at 02:20 PM

GJ

“ My sympathy to the family of Mr. Starr. Like the many other notes that you may have gotten he was a favorite teacher, my favorite, at East High. He made you feel that you were valued, that you were important. I loved chemistry because of him. I have thought of him many, many times over the years.

I am so sorry for your loss.

Galen Jones, EHS Class of 1964

Galen Jones - May 24, 2017 at 06:11 AM

CD

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Starr.*

He was my favorite teacher at Waterloo East High - he made chemistry interesting and fun. Rest in Peace, Mr. Starr.

*Carolyn Allen Derifield
EHS Class of 1966*

Carolyn Allen Derifield - May 23, 2017 at 05:27 PM

AA

“ *To the family of Frank Starr:
I met Frank when I was teaching school in Waterloo at Cresthaven Elementary. He was so very helpful getting science materials for me to use in my classroom. I really enjoyed working with him and getting to know him as a person, as well. We both attended First Methodist Church and I would visit with him on occasion. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Anne Ahlschwede*

Anne Ahlschwede - May 23, 2017 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ *Sondra Fields Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr*



Sondra Fields Cantrell - May 22, 2017 at 08:55 PM

AT

“ Frank Starr Family, You have my deepest sympathy with the loss of Frank. Frank was a very dedicated science coordinator for the Waterloo Community Schools while I was principal at Edison Junior High/Middle School and at Cresthaven and Orange Elementary Schools from 1969 through 1992. A great person and educator! With deepest sympathy, Art Trebon, Beverly Hills, Florida



Art Trebon - May 22, 2017 at 03:36 PM

DD

“ We will miss that free spirit of Frank's and happy for him that he is, at long last, back with his beloved Eleanor.
Dave & Sue Dierksen

Dave Dierksen - May 22, 2017 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ Jim And Susie (Starr) McCubbin lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr



Jim and Susie (Starr) McCubbin - May 22, 2017 at 09:31 AM

GR

“ Glenda (Starr) Richards lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr



Glenda (Starr) Richards - May 22, 2017 at 04:57 AM

GR

I will miss him!!!!

Glenda (Starr) Richards - May 22, 2017 at 04:58 AM

DF

“ *Dwain And Sherri (Starr) Feller lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr*



Dwain and Sherri (Starr) Feller - May 21, 2017 at 09:56 PM

CB

“ *Cecil & Sheila Bentley lit a candle in memory of Frank Wesley Starr*



Cecil & Sheila Bentley - May 21, 2017 at 05:35 PM