



Francis Joe Starcevic

February 26, 1927 - October 18, 2023

Francis Joe Starcevic, age 96, of Albia, IA, passed away on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Francis was born on February 26, 1927, on a farm in Hiteman, Iowa, to Joseph and Mary (Thomas) Starcevic. He attended Hiteman Elementary School and graduated from Albia High School in 1946. While attending Albia High School, he was a varsity starting basketball guard and was known for his half-court shots.

On November 19, 1947, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, he married his long-time sweetheart, Virgene Flahive. Together they raised a son, Joseph Francis and a daughter, Debra Jean.

Francis worked at John Morrell in Ottumwa from 1946 until the plant closing in 1973. He was then employed by John Deere from 1973 until his retirement in 1989.

His children and grandchildren kept him busy as he followed their fine arts and athletics through college. Francis was a proud member of the UAW and was the last surviving charter member of the Albia Knights of Columbus. Francis was a hard worker and was always willing to lend a hand to whomever needed his help.

Survivors include his wife of 76 years, Virgene of Albia; his son Joseph (Jan) Starcevic of Albia; his daughter Debra (Jim) Plantz of Tama; honorary children, Kynn and Georgia Schulz of Rochester; 6 grandchildren, Mike (Alexandra) Plantz, Katie (Ben) Cacak, Andrew (Abbi) Starcevic, Matthew Starcevic, Tiffany (Josh) Piotrowicz, and Mallory (Matt) Lentz; 6 great grandchildren, Elin, Ella, and Beckham Plantz, Natalie and Emily Cacak, and Evelyn Lentz; sisters-in-law, Donna Starcevic of Albia, Carolyn Timmins of Windsor Heights, Pat Farneth of Cato, NY, Kathleen Crall of Albia, Shirley (Gordon) Massman of Centerville, Sandra Flahive of Des Moines, and Judy (Gary) Loebig of Austin, TX; and brothers-in-law, Martin (Mary Jo) Flahive of Dallas, TX, and Jim (Mary) Flahive of Omaha, NE. Francis is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Joseph and Mary Starcevic; his in-laws, Martin and Marcella Flahive; brothers, George (Muriel) Starcevic and Jim Starcevic; and sisters, Rosella (Wendell) Bettis and Dorothy (DeWayne) Heaton.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Francis's family present to greet family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials have been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church and St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Frannie. Jean, you are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies, Gloria Renner.

Gloria Renner - October 30, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.



October 20, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Francis Joe Starcevic.

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.



October 19, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.*



October 19, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.*



October 19, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ *Monica longworth C. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Francis Joe Starcevic.*



Monica longworth C. - October 19, 2023 at 07:32 AM

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“ *Monica longworth C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Joe Starcevic.*

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