



James Louis Starcevic

November 19, 1931 - November 15, 2017

James Louis Starcevic, age 85 of Albia, was called home Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Jim was born November 19, 1931 on the family farm in Hiteman to Joseph and Mary (Thomas) Starcevic. He attended the Albia High School and graduated with the Class of 1947 at the age of 16. Jim continued his education at the University of Iowa where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He played catcher for the Iowa Hawkeye's baseball team and later played semi-professional baseball.

After college, he joined the United States Marine Corps where he became the 1st Lieutenant Officer in the Mediterranean serving his country during the Korean War. On April 4, 1953 he was united in marriage to Donna Clark at the United Brethren Church in Albia. To this union three children were born, Cynthia, Caren and Jean Ann. James and Donna shared 64 years of marriage together.

James went to work for John Morell in Ottumwa in the Time Study Department before becoming the Administrator at the Monroe County Hospital. James also farmed since 1961 and raised Angus Cattle. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia. He enjoyed being outdoors, traveling with Donna to Colorado to the Rocky Mountains, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

and Washington D.C. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

James is survived by his wife Donna Starcevic of Albia; his three children, Cynthia (Chuck) Derby of Albia, Caren (Mike) Graham of Albia and Jean Ann Starcevic of Ankeny; five grandchildren, Craig James (Angela) Derby and their son Hunter, Catherine (Matthew) Bishop and their children, Ella, Isabel, Caroline and Vivianne, Carolyn (Aaron) Rachubinski and their daughter, Elizabeth, Jennifer Graham (Zach Norris) and their children, Kervin, Kameron, Braxton and Carleigh, Jill (Nathan) Van Donselaar and their children, Cailyn and Malia; a brother, Francis (Virgene) Starcevic and a sister, Dorothy Heaton. James is also survived by many loved nieces, nephews, cousins, good friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary; a sister and brother in law, Rose (Wendall) Bettis and their children, Wayne, Jerry, Joyce and Mary Jo; a brother and sister-in-law, George (Muriel) Starcevic and a brother-in-law, Dewayne Heaton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 20, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry and Pastor Phil Dicks co-officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia and Melrose will follow the service at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 19, 2017, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Jim's family present from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening to greet family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *James Louis Starcevic*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *James Louis Starcevic*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Louis Starcevic.*



November 18, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss....you are in my thoughts at this time.*

David pope - November 16, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ *I would spend the night back when I spent my summer with grandparents. After Church we would just go for a ride and the Jim, Donna and girls would sing songs. They sounded great and always left an impression on how a family can love each so much. Love you guys. So sorry for your lost. May Jesus wrap his arms around all of you. Love Marlene*

MARLENE F PHILLIPS - November 16, 2017 at 10:25 AM

MW

“ I remember Jim Starcevic very well. Back in 1974 Jim and Janice Stuchel gave me a job to work in the front office. I was then and still now am disabled. Back in those days not too many employers were so gracious and kind to disabled people to give them a job. I was and still am forever grateful to Jim and Janice for giving me that chance. I worked there from 1974-1981. Rest in peace Jim and Janice too you both were wonderful people.

Mary Jo O'Brien Wright - November 15, 2017 at 08:16 PM

DD

Sincere Sympathy to the family of Jim Starcevic...may your memories sustain you in the days ahead. Jerry & Diane Durian

Diane Durian - November 16, 2017 at 11:00 PM

CA

Donna, Jean Ann, Karen, Cindy and families I am so very sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Jim and the Starcevic family. Your love for each other and the genuine enjoyment of being together was always wonderful to see. Jim was a gracious host with a wonderful sense of humor. He was also a great story teller and I was privileged to enjoy many of them. When I think of Jim I also can't help but think of Hawkeye football which he loved to watch. Despite his many interests there was never a doubt about Jim's priorities, they were his faith in God, Donna and his family. He was a wonderful man and will be missed greatly. I pray God's infinite love and peace comfort you during this difficult time. Carol Arnold

Carol Arnold - November 17, 2017 at 11:02 AM

LD

So sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful good man and you can all be proud of the life he lead and his faith and service to God. We pray that God will bless you with His peace and all His heavenly blessings. Larry and Kay DeVos.

Larry & Kay DeVos - November 17, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Louis Starcevic.* ”



November 15, 2017 at 07:40 PM