



Thomas ""Tom"" Starr

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Thomas "Tom" Starr, age 66 of Centerville, Iowa passed away Monday, December 22, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville.

Tom was born in Appanoose County on May 11, 1948, the son of Robert and Katherine (Graves) Starr. He graduated from Moulton-Udell High School, class of 1966. Tom was united in marriage to Zelda Hamilton on March 25, 1967 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Centerville, Iowa.

He was employed with Union Carbide, Viskase and Curwood Corporation for 48 years. Tom was the longest tenured employee at Curwood. He began his career in the extrusion department. He later worked in the finishing department. Most recently, Tom was employed in shipping for the corporation.

Tom enjoyed outdoor activities, especially hunting and fishing. He also had an interest in vintage modeled cars. Most importantly, Tom treasured the time he spent with his grandchildren and family, including his faithful attendance to all of their sporting events. He had a heart of gold and family members describe his character by his willingness to lend a helping hand to others in need. Tom simply "had the biggest smile around town."

Tom is survived by his wife of forty seven years, Zelda Starr of Centerville, Iowa; four children, Tammie (Francis) Clupny of Centerville, Iowa, Patricia Hill of Fort Madison, Iowa, Timothy (Shannon) Starr of Centerville, Iowa and Robbie (Shell) Starr of Rio, Illinois; eight grandchildren, Alex Starr, Carli Starr, Kyle Kimm, Ryan Kimm, Elizabeth Starr, Tyler Starr, Jacob Starr and Madison Clupny; and one great grandchild, Ellarose Kimm; nine siblings, Janice Mullenix, Debbie Starr, Vicki Hall, Jack Starr, Jay Starr, Bobby Starr, Mendy Combs, Kerry Starr and Steve Starr; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws; a brother, Mike Starr; and a brother-in-law, James Mullenix.



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Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Monday, December 29, 2014 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Reverend Jerry Weller officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunset View Cemetery, Moulton, Iowa. A visitation will be held on Sunday at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory from 1-8 PM, with the family greeting friends from 5-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to either the Iowa Donor Network or to the family of Tom Starr and may be given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

December 28, 2014 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

December 29, 2014 10:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:16 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

Daddy so many things I want to say but just do not know how to put into words. I agree with Robbie THIS SUCKS you was taken away from us way too soon. I have so may memories of us kids and you and mom. those memories will help to get us through the difficult days ahead. they say time will help you to heal but I can say time is gonna be a long long time. The missing you will never go away. I love you daddy with all my heart. You will always be in my heart . I love you daddy. Posted by Tammie , Francis & Madison Clupny - Centerville, IA - daughter & family December 31, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have known Tom many many years, getting to work with him the last 15 of those years. Tom always had a lending hand extended whether you needed it or not. I enjoyed working with Tom as it seemed the time passed very quickly. He sure made the day a little easier to deal with if you were having a bad one! RIP my dear friend! Posted by Missy Lawson - Moulton, IA - Family friend December 31, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry, that was supposed to say that we'll all help 'each other get through it' not 'wash' other. Posted by Robbie Starr - Rio, IL - Son December 30, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You would have been proud of our gathering today even if it was on your behalf. What a strange feeling it is to be my age and feel like we're not ready to be on our own. I remember when we were kids and your work schedule was changed to where you were working weekends, and I said to you then this sucks well... I want to re-iterate that sentiment, THIS SUCKS. We are a great family and we'll all help wash other get through it but as you know, it's going to take some time. We love you Dad, we'll take care of Mom don't worry about that. R.I.P. See ya later, Love All of us! Posted by Robbie Starr - Rio, IL - Son December 30, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. You are in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers. Posted by Mark and Thelma Smothers December 28, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May the memories we shared with Tom comfort you and your family at this time. Posted by John Sandy - Centerville, IA - co-worker December 27, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. Posted by nellie thomas - Centerville, IA December 26, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Zelda & family - I am so sorry about Tom. Enjoyed seeing and visiting with him at the plant over the years. He was one of the good ones and will be missed. May you find comfort in your fond memories of your life together. Thinking of you during this sad time. Jim Rowan Posted by Jim Rowan - Cincinnati, IA December 26, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

I always remember Tom's friendly face when I think of working at curwood. My condolences to his family. Posted by Linda Hagan - Bedford, TX - from work December 26, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom, I remember walking down the stairs at your house and seen Nathen first, I had to step off the stairs to see you. Low and behold you had the biggest smile on your face as you were watching Nathen pour led into your sinker mold. I will forever rember that smile that day. Mendy Starr Combs-Boge Posted by Mendy E (Starr) Combs-Boge - Oroville, WA - Sister December 25, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I love u aunt Zelda and uncle tom. uncle tom I will always cherish the memories ive had with you I love u uncle tom Posted by Nathen A. Starr Mitchell - Oroville, WA - nephew December 25, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Miss you Tom. Thank you Jesus, for sharing such an awesome man with me and my family. Love you always! Posted by Zoann, Baileigh, and Brandi - rockwall, TX - sister in law December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Worked with Tom many years ago, he was a good friend. So sorry for Tom's family, you lost a great man. tbrkh Posted by Todd Baze - centerville, IA - friend December 24, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss Cherish the memories only time will heal Rose Creagan Crane Posted by Rose Crane - Centerville, IN - friend December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our sympathy to Zelda and the Starr family. Tom will be remembered as a good person and missed in the community. Posted by Larry & Coleen Cook - Moulton, IA - Friends December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to the Starr family for your loss...may God help you through this difficult time and ease your pain.... Posted by Larry & Mary Shondel - Centerville, IA - friend December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Zelda I am very sorry to here about Tom. I liled to visit with Tom when I would see him. Tom was a very nice man. He will be missed by all of us. May he rest in peace. Posted by John Huffman - Centerville, IA - friendCenterville December 24, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

I have so many memories of Uncle Tom and I am very thankful for them. I am so very grateful to have had such a great man in my life and to be able to call him my Uncle. He was proud of all of his family no matter if it was his wife, one of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, or even nieces, nephews, and the great-nieces/nephews. I am also very thankful that my two boys were able to get to know him. My oldest son thought a lot of him and loved seeing him down at the Little League Baseball fields. Uncle Tom, you will be greatly missed by so many people. We love you so much and we always will. You will NEVER be forgotten in my home. We have so many memories of you that we will cherish for all the rest of the days of our lives. Until we meet again...I LOVE YOU!!! Posted by Shawnda Starr - Centerville, IA - Niece December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What a sweet and well-liked man Tom was and we are very sad to hear of his passing. Tom's kind heart and willingness to help anyone is what I remember most about him. Prayers of comfort and peace are being sent your way. Posted by Kirk, Keri, Corey, & Kalianna Shepard - Oskaloosa, IA - Friend December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Zelda and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was a great guy, and will be missed by many. Marion & Jane Zemo Posted by Marion & Jane Zemo - Centerville, IA - friend December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss. Tom will be greatly missed. Take care, Alan H. Posted by Alan Harrington - Albia, IA - Friend of Zelda December 24, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Tom's wit and great sense of humor will be missed. He was always looking out for others. I am grateful knowing and working with Tom for a short 23 years. May Tom rest in peace and God bless his family. Posted by Tom Irwin - Atlanta, GA - Friend December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have so many memories of you,Dad! I will always love and miss you. Posted by Patricia (Starr) Hill - IA - daughter December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tom was a great man and will be missed by his whole family Posted by Ronald Hamilton - Rokkford, IL - cousin to Zelda December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have known Tom all these years and have always been impressed by him. He really was a good-guy. Always friendly, always welcoming, and always helping those who needed his help. God Speed, Tom. May your spirit find rest and peace. Posted by Kathryn Mellecker - Riverside, IA - My cousin Zelda's husband December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May God wrap you in his loving arms and give you the strength to get through this most difficult time and may your memories help ease the pain. So sorry to hear of Toms death, he was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by so many. God Bless you all Posted by JoAnn Laurson - Centerville, IA - Friend December 24, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

I am a former classmate of Tom's and he was a great guy. My condolences to his family. Posted by Connie Davis Mincy - Des Moines, IA - Former classmate December 24, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May God be with the entire Starr family. I will miss visiting with Tom. God speed to you. Posted by Chris Spencer - friend December 23, 2014

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Media

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