



Jimmy L. Starr

December 6, 1938 - September 3, 2019

Jimmy L. Starr, 80, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Jim was born on December 6, 1938, in Topeka, to Elmer Elwood Starr and Mary Margaret Murphy. He attended Randolph Elementary School, Boswell Junior High, graduated from Topeka High School, class of 1956, and attended Washburn University. Jim served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Boston CAG-1, USS Topeka CLG 8 and the USS King DLG-10. He retired from Xerox Corporation after 31 years. He married Rita Winkelman Starr and they celebrated 56 years of marriage on June 1, 2019.

Jim was an avid golfer, enjoyed target shooting at the Topeka Rifle Range, church softball team, snow skiing, camping, traveling, lighthouses and watching old western movies. He looked forward to fishing and canoeing with his grandsons and watching their sporting events. A Navy man at heart Jim had a passion for the USS Constitution "Old Ironsides".

Jim is survived by his wife; daughters, Deborah Starr, Topeka, and Melissa Starr Shankland (K.C.), Maple Valley, Washington; grandsons, Kevin, Mason and Rogan of Maple Valley, Washington; three brothers; four sisters-in-law; and two brothers-in-law. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Cathedral, The House at Midland Care or the charity of donor's choice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 8th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Service will be 10 a.m. Monday, September 9th, at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW 8th Avenue, Topeka KS 66603. Burial immediately following at Mount Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th Street.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

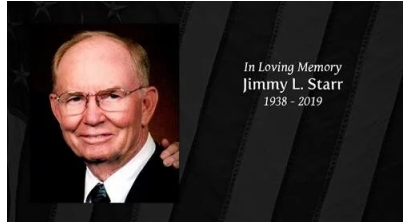
SEP 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Cathedral
701 SW 8th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66603

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmy L. Starr*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 06, 2019 at 04:19 PM

MB

*Have so many wonderful memories of Jim. Our families enjoyed many special times together over the years. I remember Jim, dad and I playing alot of golf rounds together. From me being a little kid all the way through. Very special times. So many memories whether it be a holiday or just our families being together playing cards laughing enjoying each other's company. Jim was always right in the middle with us. Very good times. Over all the years Jim was like another father to me. Always had some kind advice helping me along. Jim and I framed a home together. That is hard work in sometimes tough weather and Jim even being older was right there with me. Truly caring every step of the way. Jim adored and very much loved his family which was a wonderful example for me. For whatever reasons life goes its ways and time takes over and you don't get to say goodbye. So it's those wonderful memories I'll hold on to and cherish. Rita, Deborah, Melissa and family I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Anything needed don't hesitate. Brings me some comfort knowing dad was there meeting Jim and heading off to the course above. Laughing along the way.
Always, Mike B and family*

Mike Ball - September 08, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ *Jimmy L. Starr*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

BG

“ Dear Rita, Deborah and Melissa,
We are so saddened by the news of David's passing and I know even with the sad times right at the moment, I hope that you all are also celebrating his life. He was an amazing man and I know you will dearly miss him. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your family. Your Cousin, Brenda Glessner and husband Bert Glessner sending our love.



Brenda and Robert Glessner - September 12, 2019 at 12:36 AM

MA

“ Dear Rita and family,

We are so sorry that you and your family have lost such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Jimmie had a happy life with all of you and we are grateful for the years he spent with all of your family and all of us as his friend.

Incredible to think we've known him since the mid 50's. We had a good junior rifle team of Brock Spencer, Peter Caldwell, Jimmie and me and did some winning in Kansas, which made my father- coach very proud.

Jimmie wore his Navy uniform with great pride in our country. We enjoyed seeing you both in Arizona, when your travels brought you are way.

We thank you both for your support at our parent's funerals. Do wish I were in Topeka to do the same for you. Please excuse Margaret, as she is not well, but managing in her own home.

We'll think of you often as the days go by, knowing this will be an especially difficult year.

We know your faith and family will help, and he will walk beside you in spirit. If we can do anything for you Rita, please let us know.

You've been a wonderful wife to Jimmie and we are very glad you met. Do stay in touch.

Love, Marie, Mernice and Margaret

Marie Alkire - September 06, 2019 at 08:31 PM

CB

“ We send our condolences to you, Rita. and family. I have such fond memories of being over at your house when I was young. Jim always had a smile on his face and would say something funny. My dad, Gary, told me last night how even at my wedding he said to my dad, he didn't recognise me in my dress because I was always in a t-shirt and jeans. We are praying for you all.

Chuck and Renae Borden - September 06, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jimmy L. Starr.



September 06, 2019 at 01:00 PM

KG

“ I didn't get to know Jimmy directly but I did get to hear many interesting stories about him from his daughter Deborah who I worked with. I found him to be a very interesting person who loved his family greatly. He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him in return.

Ken and Judy Grose

ken grose - September 06, 2019 at 11:29 AM

RC

“ So Sorry to hear about Jimmy we always enjoyed being with the two of you at the reunions again so sorry to hear this news. Dudley ,Ruth Cass

Ruth Cass - September 06, 2019 at 10:42 AM

YI

“ *Your Family of friends at P1 Group, Inc purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jimmy L. Starr.*



Your Family of friends at P1 Group, Inc - September 06, 2019
at 09:44 AM

RH

“ *Rita and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We care.

Richard and Marilyn Huncker

Richard and Marilyn Huncker - September 05, 2019 at 03:58 PM

CK

“ *Carol (Wingerson) Kampsen lit a candle in memory of Jimmy L. Starr*



Carol (Wingerson) Kampsen - September 05, 2019 at 04:02 AM