



Robert D. "Bumper" Starr

November 19, 1927 - May 27, 2017

NORFOLK — Services for Robert D. "Bumper" Starr, 89, of Norfolk will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Norfolk. The Rev. Caleb Lind will officiate. Burial will be at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Military rites will be by the American Legion Post 16, VFW Post 1644, Nebraska American Legion Riders and the U.S. Army Honors Guard. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. He died Saturday, May 27, 2017, at the Meadows in Norfolk. The son of Elias and Rosa (Leshner) Starr was born Nov. 19, 1927, at Grand Island. He attended Hastings College, the University of Nebraska and the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. He served in the U.S. Army from Aug. 2, 1946, to Nov. 20, 1947.

He married Elaine Blanche Zwink on Jan. 26, 1951, in Grand Island. Elaine passed away on Oct. 2, 1984. He later married Beverly J. "Skeet" Potts on Dec. 26, 1989, at Westridge United Methodist Church in Norfolk. Robert worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 15 years. He then taught science in Dannebrog for three years, West Point for four years, and York a for year. In 1967, he moved to Norfolk and taught math and science for 23 years. He retired from teaching in 1990. Robert enjoyed football, playing cards and bridge. He liked remodeling homes, real estate and going to auctions. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Norfolk. Survivors include his spouse, Skeet Starr of Norfolk; his children, Shio (Bruce) Fensler of Broken Arrow, Okla., Sharyn (Robb) Thomas of Norfolk, Shelley (Rick) Koeppel of Hadar, Shirley (Joel) Addink of Riverside, Calif., Sandy (Mike) Havekost of Beatrice,

Jerry (Deb) Potts of Norfolk, Deb (David) Hoffman of Norfolk, Tom (Jean) Potts of Norfolk, Sue (Keith) Haase of Norfolk and Lori Schaffer of Norfolk; 30 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first spouse, Elaine; his parents, Elias and Rosa; two brothers; and a sister. Music will be provided by organist Steve Reinke and the trio of Robb Thomas, Mike Havekost and Joel Addink.

Casket bearers will be Adam Koeppe, Brandon Koeppe, Caleb Havekost, Bryan Thomas, Andrew Addink, Joe Green and Matthew Lauritsen. Honorary casketbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

JUN 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Norfolk
404 W Benjamin Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701

Tribute Wall



“ Robert D. "Bumper" Starr

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Dear Shirley, Sandy and Starr family,

We are sorry to hear of the loss of your dear father. Mr. Starr will be remembered for his patience and enthusiasm for us junior high science students, his service to our country and of course his loving family. We send our prayers. Amy (Cox) Schmid

Amy Schmid - June 04, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ Karen from the Meadows, Bob will be missed awful quiet without him!💔

Karen Johnson - June 02, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert D. "Bumper" Starr.



June 02, 2017 at 10:48 AM

KA

“ I spent a lot of time at the house with Sandy....but my best memory was the day that Hughes blew something up in Science lab in our class.... Mr. Starr moved pretty fast that day putting the fire out! I always enjoyed seeing him around town. He remembered his "old" students. Such a kind man. We will miss him :(
Karen Rowan Arkfeld

Karen Rowan Arkfeld - June 01, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ We had Me. Star and one of his daughters over for Christmas dinner when he was my teacher at njhs. He was one of my favorite teachers.

Renee Robinson - May 31, 2017 at 10:07 PM

DD

“ *Skeet & Family* - We were so very sorry to read of Bob's passing. When I was newly divorced, I began attending meetings of the Norfolk Widowed and Divorced group. Bob kind of "took me under his wing", introducing me to people and making me feel welcome. I never forgot his kindness at such a difficult time in my life. When the group would meet at the Legion Club for various activities, Bob was the one who always went and got the popcorn from the machine for everyone. When I would be on my walks around the community, he would sometimes ask me to stop and visit when he wanted a break from working on the house on Koenigstein Ave. I was glad we recently had the opportunity to visit with him on a couple of occasions when we were at the Meadows. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Betty Dammast

Don Dammast - May 31, 2017 at 05:46 PM



So very sorry for your loss. ...

Kathy McClain - June 03, 2017 at 04:36 AM

SW

“ *Teaching at NJHS with Bob is something I will always remember.*

Steve Warner

Steve Warner - May 31, 2017 at 12:29 PM

JS

“ *Jane and Gordon Starr purchased the A Full Life for the family of Robert D. "Bumper" Starr.*



Jane and Gordon Starr - May 30, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert D. "Bumper" Starr.*



May 29, 2017 at 04:02 PM