



Joe Fred Starr

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Joe Fred Starr, age 79, of Fayetteville died Wednesday March 27, 2013 in Fayetteville.

He was born October 19, 1933 in Dryden, OK to Fred and Florence Starr. He is preceeded in death by his parents and his infant sister, Margaret Alice. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jo Starr of Fayetteville; brother Jon Larry Starr of Fayetteville; four children, Joe F. Starr, Jr. and wife, Rene' Starr of Little Rock; David Starr of Cedaredge, CO; Kent Starr and wife, Sara Starr of Fayetteville; and Shannon Starr Arcana and husband, Michael Arcana of Fayetteville. Grandchildren include Kara, David, and Christopher Arcana; Christina Arcana Guerin and husband, Jacob Geurin; Rachel Starr Sloan and husband, Neill Sloan, all of Fayetteville; and John and Gracie Starr of Little Rock. Great-grandchildren include Faith and Troy Arcana; Emma Kay and Kyleigh Jo Geurin; and David Carter Sloan, all of Fayetteville; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by caretaker, Marieta Pilka of Lowell and friends, Jonathon and Plum Simons of Santa Monica, CA.

Joe Fred moved with his family to Northwest Arkansas as a child. His parents were school teachers in Fayetteville. He attended Jefferson Elementary and was a graduate of Fayetteville High School, and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a social welfare degree. While attending the University, he worked as a sports writer for the "Northwest Arkansas Times" and the "Arkansas Traveler". He was also a correspondent for the "Southwest American" of Fort Smith. He was an active volunteer with the Jaycees as a sponsor for young golfers in Arkansas. He joined the Sperry & Hutchinson Company as a salesman and zone manager and traveled throughout Arkansas and the surrounding states before joining Tyson Foods as a board member, later serving as a Vice President of Tyson Foods. He was active in the growth of Tyson Foods until the late 1990's when he retired. He enjoyed golfing with his friend, Rusty, vintage cars, pre-Columbian art, and trips to his second home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico where he had many friends. Joe Fred was an entrepreneur with an expertise in real estate, developing Skull Creek Apartments in the 1960's, as well as creating the Automaster car dealership with his longtime partner, Daryl Hickman. He also served on the Board of Directors at First National Bank of Fayetteville.



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Joe Fred was always there for his friends and family and will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

A graveside service will be held 10:00 am Friday, March 29 at Baptist Ford Cemetery under the direction of Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jon Larry Starr, Daryl Hickman, Herb Lewis, Frank Scott, Jacob Geurin, David and Christopher Arcana, Neill Sloan, John Starr, Jim Blair, Jimmy Culp, Jonathan Simons, and George Babb and friends at Village Inn. The Family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our friends at BrightStar and Culpepper Place for all of the care and love they provided during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Walton Arts Center, P. O. Box, 3547, Fayetteville, AR 72701 or Central United Methodist Church, 6 West Dickson St., Fayetteville, AR 72701



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Anonymous posted:

To Billie Jo and the Starr family, I send each of you my sympathy. Joe Fred was a good friend to my Daddy, Grover Thomas, and I know he gave Daddy many laughs and good times. Let's hope they are somewhere playing a grand game of gin rummy. Anne C Thomas

April 11 at 7:00 PM



Dr Donald Mayfield posted:

To the Starr family, my prayers and condolences to you in this time of sorrow. I first met Joe Fred in 1964 when I first moved to NW Arkansas. He was in the process of building Elmdale Shopping Center in Springdale, and I was looking for a location to start a Veterinary Clinic. So I am forever thanking Joe Fred for providing that for me. Between Joe Fred and Don Tyson I was able to fulfill my dream of starting a Small Animal Clinic.

April 8 at 7:00 PM



Errol Payne posted:

Dear Billie Jo, Naomi and I send our sincere condolences to you and the Starr family. Since meeting Joe Fred through Jim and Cousin Diane Blair we had only a brief time to share a few enjoyable mini adventures with him. We last saw him in our home in Southern California. Jim Blair kindly alerted us to his passing. Thank you for inviting us to visit your beautiful home a few years ago. Our warmest regards to you and your family. Errol and Naomi Payne

April 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Starr family, you have our deepest sympathy. We have many fond memories of Jo Fred and he helped many in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dave and Elaine Longer

March 31 at 7:00 PM



CB

Clay Bolton posted:

Joe, I've always found it so very ironic that this past Friday would be called "Good" considering what it symbolizes for those of us who believe in Christ and what it truly cost HIM. Then again, I'm sure that under the circumstances you and your family can understand better than most what I mean. I truly hope that all of you find the peace that seems so difficult to find at this time. Having lost my mom some years ago I can assure you that God has His own way of granting us the strength and comfort that seems so elusive at this particular moment after the death of a parent. Thanks for the good wishes in retirement. I'm still trying to get used to the much more flexible "working" hours. LOL

March 30 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Starr family, Joe Fred was a great man and a very good friend to the Mayo family for many years. When I lost my father Joe Fred talked me thru some bad days I will never forget. I know those two are up there visiting about the good ole days. He may be gone, but will never be forgotten. I will miss seeing him at Culpepper Place. Thoughts and Prayers from Carolyn Mayo and family.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

RS

Rachel Starr Sloan posted:

My cousins called him PaPa but I didn't realize that until we were older and no one told me to call him anything else. So...he was just my grandfather "Joe Fred." My favorite memory of him are the driving lessons he gave me at 15 years old. He didn't ask me if I wanted to go, just handed me the keys and said, "Come on." Who else could give driving lessons without talking?!! He just showed me the gas and break, said he knew I could do it, and motioned towards the road. Off we went in my Nana's little red car. He had complete confidence in me (or it seemed like he did) and I remember holding my head very high the rest of that day. We had a few talks about his pottery collection and he told me stories about excavating different pieces. I'm pretty sure some of them were made up, but I still listened. :)The first time he met my future husband he stuck out his right hand as if to make him decide between shaking his palm or finger (he always offered his good hand to women). Alzheimer's had set in by the time I had my son in 2010. My cousin Christina and I really confused him by having our babies 2 days apart, and my red hair sometimes made him think I was my aunt Shannon. The first time I took my new baby boy to their house he gently pet Carter's head and stared at him for what seemed like a very long time. I thought it was neat that no matter how much his memory faded he still knew how to hold a baby. He might not have known exactly which baby Carter was or which granddaughter I was, but we knew he loved all of us.I am proud of everything he did for NWA. I always get a certain feeling of respect from people when they find out I am Joe Fred's grandkid. I only wish I had been around back in the day so I could've known him better.

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AB

Ann White Briggs posted:

So sorry to hear of all of you bearing such loss. Death helps us realize the enormous impact of one life, that's a lot to take in with such an influential life. I admired Joe Fred's kindness and wisdom. He set a good example of prioritizing friendship, curiosity and learning. Blessing on you as you mourn this great man.

March 29 at 7:00 PM

DB

Diane Breazeale posted:

Billie Jo...Bill and I join your many friends in offering our sincere condolences to you and your family.Diane

March 28 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jenny Shreve posted:

David, Rachel, Kent & the entire Starr family,I am so sorry for your loss of Joe Fred. He "broke the mold" in his uniqueness & indeed in how great he treated others upon this Earth. There will never be another like him. May you all find comfort & peace in one another as you now gather together to remember him, his life & all of the good memories.With Love, Jenny Shreve

March 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billie,We send you and Kent and the whole family our deepest condolences.Ken and Donna StoutWinslow, Arkansas

March 28 at 7:00 PM

BM

Brett Maguire posted:

What a gracious gentleman Joe Fred was.He always had a smile and a handshake when our paths crossed.He did me a great kindness years ago which I shall never forget.My condolences to his family.

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CB

Clay Bolton posted:

May you know God's peace and grace at this most difficult of times. All my thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you find comfort in the truth that a life well lived is the greatest tribute to anyone's memory.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

CD

Carol Daggett posted:

My sincere heartfelt condolences to all in the Starr Family. My thoughts are with you all.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

EC

Earl Cate posted:

My Heart goes out to the Starr Family

March 28 at 7:00 PM

BL

Bonnie Lancaster posted:

Deepest Regards to the Starr Family RIP Joe Fred

March 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Good ol' Papa. Now I understand why you never liked to say good-bye. Its been a while since we have had one of our talks. Its almost like you gave me time to get used to being without you, time to let it sink in. Its not as scary as I imagined it may when we thought cancer was going to take you within a matter of months, but its something I am glad you delayed. So many memories of afternoons at the Grill on Dickson and driving lessons when we were bored. Arguing with me about things that made me mad but you would laugh at me, it was frustrating, you were just so smart. Made me sooo mad sometimes. Of course you were also slick, you always seemed to be able to make me smile. Our adventures to Cabo, enjoying the patio and a good book. The hikes to the lighthouse above the beach, so inquisitive and driven. Even on vacation. These memories make me better, your time and love basically made me who I am. You probably don't like hearing that but it is what it is, just trust me old man, their is no better role model for this one. I promise to raise your great grandchildren right. I will continue to earn my pay and chase after knowledge until I come find you. See ya later...

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DC

Diane Carlile posted:

MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE STARR FAMILY...HE HAS GIVEN ME OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE GOT TO EXPERIENCE....MANY FUN MEMORIES OF HIM....HE WAS A VERY COMPASSIONATE MAN....I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM....WARMLY, DIANE CARLILE

March 27 at 7:00 PM

JP

Jerri Ann Starr Puska posted:

Billie Jo and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of loss. Dad (Howard Wayne Starr) wanted to attend the service, but his health is frail and could not make trip from south Arkansas.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

RB

Randy & Linda Bradley posted:

We were so sorry to learn of your loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

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RW

Rolf Wilkin posted:

I first spoke to Joe Fred the first day I got into the pizza business in 1992. I called him about a lease and he said "I'll give you a year" and he hung up the phone. He later gave me a key to his little office that also contained the circuit breakers to my new pizza store. Joe Fred was always kind and supportive towards Eureka Pizza and me, helping me finance several of our locations. I have tremendous respect for him and his many achievements. Arkansas has lost a giant. My thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

FW

Field Wasson posted:

I met Joe Fred playing basketball at the Boy's Club about 1945 when it was located at the armory next to the old court house (the national guard was at war). I remember when he had the gun accident, and was distressed that it was he right hand, because he was a good basketball player. But as time went by he developed good use of the hand and could even dribble the ball. I think that his courage and ability to adapt were an early indicator of his ability to succeed. We remained good friends all his life

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Anonymous posted:

Starr family,- my heartfelt condolences to all. You are in my thoughts - Steve Hailey, Sr.

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Meredith Dowse posted:

So sorry to hear about your loss. Mr. Starr will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Billie Jo and Kids, Beginning of wonderful memories on Starr Road. Joe Fred and Doug are no longer in pain. That is a very good thing. Prayers and much love, Jeanne

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you Shannon and your family. Your father's name was a "household name" in NWA. He was dear to so many people. Ellen Otis Contact Me

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Dr. Sara Mcbee posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the Starr Family in their loss of Joe Fred. Joe Fred was my friend, and possibly one of the most unique individuals I have ever met. I am going to read "The Quoteable Osler" today with the pages he marked for me to read. I think he left me messages. We who were blessed knowing him will miss him

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Les Kline posted:

Starr family, My deepest condolences. My thoughts are with you. Les Kline

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NA

Nancy Allen posted:

Billie Jo and Family,I am sending love your way!Nancy Allen

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KD

Karen & Bob Dobbs posted:

What a wonderfully unique person Joe Fredwas:strong,kind hearted,honest,tenacious,resolute and caring.Time spent with Joe Fred felt special, just like the man he was.Gone from our presence but always with us in memory.We send our sympathies to the family. He will be missed by so many.Karen & Bob Dobbs

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Starr family, Joe was a good friend and we hadsome good times together. He was one of a kind.You are in my thoughts and prayers. Vernon

March 27 at 7:00 PM

LD

Lee Ann Dodson posted:

I have always thought of Joe Fred as an iconic figure who left an indelible mark on Northwest Arkansas, leaving it a better place than when he found it. His intellect, curiosity, and drive were impressive and inspiring. My thoughts are with the Starr family today and in the days to come.

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TB

Toni Brown posted:

With deepest sympathy to the Starr family. God Bless You. Toni Hulse Brown

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KD

Kenneth Douglas posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Starr family and know that Joe Fred is in a better place with a smile on his face, shaking his finger with a slight wink of his eye letting us know he is at peace. I have such wonderful memories of the old days when the Kirby, Douglas and Starr houses were the only one on Joe Fred Starr road (back then it was called Highway 45 East Route 1) and our backyards were acres of open fields that connected our houses. My most memorable memory as a young 6 year old was when my friend Roger Jones and I followed the cows into the woods, got lost and by dusk were still walking in circles with tears running down our dirty faces. The next thing we knew, there was Joe Fred pointing his finger at us saying – “boys, let's go home...” You will be greatly missed and all the memories cherished forever. Love and Blessings to all the Starr family and extended families. Joe Fred – we love you and say hello to Dad for me.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jim Hawkins posted:

I had many talks with Joe Fred over the years and respected him as much as anyone I have ever met. He was dry and funny at the same time but always honest! My prayers are with the family and will never be forgot ! JIM HAWKINS

March 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you Daddy and promise to stay strong . Just as you taught me. Love you Daughter Shannon

March 27 at 7:00 PM

RG

Renee Greenhaw posted:

Joe Fred was such a special person. It was my pleasure to know him and send him on his way to Cabo. I will miss him so. Arkansas is a sadder place today.

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SH

Suzette Harris posted:

My prayers will be with you and your family.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



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MH

Michelle Hayward posted:

Much love to the family. My thoughts are with you all.

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RM

Renee Malouf posted:

I am so glad to have gotten to know Joe Fred and become friends with the Starr and Arcana families, I always enjoyed our conversations and visits. He always made me laugh and never failed to ask how my children were doing, he even offered to come before the school board with me in an effort to stop bullying at my sons school. We had many great conversations from books to travel to current events. He loved his great grandbabies!! He was a very special man and his legacy will live on in our community. I will surely miss him! All my love and prayers to the Starr/Arcana families.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joe by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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