



Jay C. Starkey

February 9, 1932 - February 2, 2019

Jay C. Starkey, 86, of Saline, MI, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, February 2, 2019 with his family by his side. Jay was born in Detroit, MI on February 9, 1932 to Estel and Edna (Gerster) Starkey. He graduated from Redford High School. Jay received degrees in Science Education from Albion College and the University of Michigan. Jay treasured his years of service in the United States Army especially in Berlin, 1954-1956. A kind and compassionate man, Jay was a science teacher at the Saline Area Schools for 33 years. Jay was married to the love of his life Joan Austin for 55 years, and she survives. Together they raised Cara (Darrell) Chandler of Manchester and Brian (Dena) Starkey of Elko, NV. Jay and Joan have 6 grandchildren. Jay is also survived by his sister Barb Wellfare. Jay was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline attending many mission trips and serving his Lord Jesus by helping those in need to know the love of Christ. He also had a love of traveling, hiking, and of wildlife. A Memorial Service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. with a meal to follow. Visitation will be held at the church from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the church or to the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. Envelopes will be available at the church. To sign his guestbook, or to leave a memory please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jay C. Starkey

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ To the Family of Jay Starkey: I would like to express my condolences to the family. Jay was an outstanding person and educator. A life well lived. Rest in peace Jay.

Ted Carls - February 07, 2019 at 07:23 PM



Jay was a very kind, gentle person. I truly enjoyed being in a Bible study with him. He will be missed!

Carol Talbot - February 08, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ Jim and Lynne and Michael purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Jay C. Starkey.



Jim and Lynne and Michael - February 07, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay C. Starkey.



February 06, 2019 at 12:09 PM

JF

“ Jay was one of the greatest educator and religious leader this family has ever known

A huge loss for the church and devoted students

The Ellen Johnson family

johnson family - February 06, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay C. Starkey.



February 05, 2019 at 09:39 AM

MI

“ I had Mr. Starkey as a great science teacher. I wonder how many lives he's touched with the inspiration to look further into what makes everything tick! Peace be with your family at your saddened loss. Sincerely, Michelle

Michelle - February 04, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay C. Starkey.



February 04, 2019 at 09:14 AM

KM

“*Joan, my prayers go out to you and your family. I was so blessed to really get to know Jay as a wonderful person, who loved to share stories of his love for you and his children during the times he came to visit Aunt Silva during her last days here on earth. He was no longer just a cousin I saw once a year. He became a friend who shared our love for family. To say he will be missed seems so small but enjoying the peace that comes from knowing he is shaking his stories at the feet of Jesus. Sending prayers and love.*

Kathy and Karin

kathy Starkey Miller - February 04, 2019 at 07:03 AM



“*Joan, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.*

Diane & Dave Seeger

Diane Seeger - February 03, 2019 at 09:01 PM

BN

“*Cara,*

I'm so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. He and your mom were such an important part of growing up in the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. They both are remembered fondly by the Siefert girls. Our prayers go out to you and your family.

Barb (Siefert) Nelson

Barb Nelson - February 03, 2019 at 07:36 PM

SJ

“ Jay was such a friendly, compassionate and caring man. On his last mission trip 2 years ago he couldn't do too much, but he comforted the family with his stories, his caring words and listening to their life stories. He loved sharing his life adventures. He sure put up a good fight his last year. He is with our Lord and has found comfort.

Sue Janeczek - February 03, 2019 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ To you, Joan, and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Dolly Collins

Dolly Collins - February 02, 2019 at 09:04 PM

GW

“ I have many good memories of Mr. Starkey from my eighth grade physical and earth science class at Saline middle school. I had just transferred from Roosevelt Lab School in Ypsilanti, and was new to Saline. I felt alone and had no friends. One subject I liked and had some prior exposure in was Geology. I did well in that class, and Mr. Starkey gave me quiet encouragement to keep after my class work and to endure the teasing from classmates. By the end of the year, I felt better about being in Saline. I also decided I liked Geology. My grandfather had been an oil and uranium prospector, so it seemed a possible field of study to me, and when I attended the University of Michigan, I entered as a Geology major. After a BS and MS degree in geology from Michigan and the University of Wisconsin, I went to work as a research geologist for Conoco in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Thirty eight years later, I am still working as a geologist in the oil business, presently as the lead computer modeling geologist for Murphy Exploration and Production in Houston Texas. I have worked all over the world, and participated in the discovery and development of many oil and gas fields, including the supergiant Levisthan Field offshore Israel, giant fields in Venezuela and Alaska, and more fields than I can count in the Gulf of Mexico. My life's work has given me joy and provided my family financial security. Mr Starkey taught me my first class in Geology. I very much appreciate how he started me on that long and winding road that has lead to so much for me. My sincere condolences to his family. I wish you all well.

Gordon Fielder

Gordon W.Fielder - February 02, 2019 at 05:40 PM

CC

What a neat story! I was just going through old photo albums of dad's. Were you a part of the Geology club that went on a field trip around 1978? Thank you for sharing this. What a treasure to know the role he played in your life.

Cara (daughter)

cara chandler - February 03, 2019 at 05:29 PM

BM

“ *Fondly remembering Mr. Starkey as a great teacher. SHS, Class of 65.*

Barbara Houghton Miller - February 02, 2019 at 04:21 PM

JA

“ *Mr. Starkey was my eighth grade science teacher. His gentle manner, sparkling eyes and smile, his understanding of people and especially middle school age students, were all a part of every day in the classroom. I particularly remember the class walks out past the football field to the nature area in the spring.*

Jackie (Livingstone) Anderson - February 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *Mr Starkey was our neighbor on Circle Ct. in Saline. Very nice man and teacher.*

Michael Brown - February 02, 2019 at 02:08 PM

SM

“ *Grateful for his guidance not only to inspire a love of science but also the model of high standards he provided as my home room teacher.*

Sharon Burkhardt Mischakoff - February 02, 2019 at 02:05 PM

AV

“ Jay had such a beautiful heart and passion for his family and his church. We spoke often of his time out west. He was a Sunday School superintendent for many years. I loved watching his eyes light up when he talked about Joan, his kids and his grandkids. May God's peace cover him and all his loved ones.

Ann Valentine - February 02, 2019 at 02:02 PM