



## Wardie L. Starr

December 9, 1941 - February 28, 2024

Wardie L. Starr, 82, of Bourbonnais passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at home.

He was born December 9, 1941 in Chrisman, Illinois, the son of Darvle Lenwood and Imogene (Yates) Starr. On June 30, 1973, he married Donna Starr who passed away in 2015.

Wardie served in the United States Army from 1959 – 1962, worked as a welder for Illinois Central Railroad, enjoyed golfing, running, biking and was affiliated with the Lutheran church.

He is survived by his sons, Ray (Pam) Starr, Robert (Candy) Wiersema and Randy Wiersema; daughter, Rebecca (Ben) Smith; daughter-in-law, Brenda Wiersema; sister, Mary Nyssen; brother, Larry (Nancy) Starr; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren; dear friend of the family, Brenda Sims.

Wardie is preceded by in death by his parents, wife and son, Raymond Wiersema.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ He will be so missed. Always a gentleman and very caring.i loved his dry sense of humor. We were always laughing.

**brenda sims** - March 04, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DK

Wardie was a legend on the railroad and is still talked about today. RIP sir.

**darrin kohler** - March 04, 2024 at 08:56 PM

DM

Wardie treated my sister, Brenda, like a queen!  
He will be missed by those who knew him! Rest in Peace!

**Dan Moore** - March 04, 2024 at 10:25 PM

JE

Wardie was such a gentlemen! I will sorely miss him and his cowboy boots. He made my grandma so happy ❤️

**Jeanine** - March 05, 2024 at 01:53 AM

EM

I worked with Wardie at the railroad, you are right Darin, he is a legend. I still share stories of Wardies work ethic with my classes. His memory will live on, Rest in peace big brother!

**Ed Martinez** - March 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM