



## Donald E. Starr

January 1, 1940 - April 6, 2022

Donald “Don” E. Starr entered into eternal life on April 6, 2022. He was the husband (over 40 years) of Antonia “Annette”, and father of Donald W. “Donnie” (Whitney), Francesca “Franki”, the late Daniel “Cody”, and Loren Luck (Emmett Allen).

Born in Washington DC on January 1, 1940, Don was a lifelong Virginian, growing up in McLean on the family farm, and attending and completing school in Fairfax County. As an athlete, he competed in diving and swimming, where he won many competitions and awards. He also participated in tumbling/gymnastics and was a standout baseball player on his school’s team.

For many years, he worked as a commercial Chief Engineer, after completing an apprenticeship and earning his second-class license. In addition to his full-time employment, Don also worked in welding, snow removal, residential heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical services.

But, of all the many “hats” Don wore, his most special was the one he wore most proudly, that of “daddy”.

The birth of each of his children was the most important achievement in his life, and he relished every moment with them. From showing them how to chop wood, jump on the trampoline, ice skate, roller skate, how to drive, how

to use farm equipment, how to weld, to encouraging and supporting them, he was their adored “dad”.

Don loved spending time with his wife “Net”, whom he wed in 1981, and with friends and family. He and Net made their home in Catlett, where they raised their children, pets and any strays that came their way. He enjoyed being home, watching tv, caring for his property, birdwatching, going out to dinner, cook-outs, tinkering around the house and garage, and somehow managing to always come up with a solution to fix something that was broken. His creative flair gave him the opportunity to create many artistic displays from wood, metal and paper.

In recent years, as his health declined and his mobility decreased and he was no longer able to do many of the things he loved, he continued to be an integral part of the family, just by being with all at home. At the end, Don, peacefully left behind his earthly life to be with those who preceded him in death. We are comforted to know that he can no longer feel pain, but only the joy of being with his father and beloved son, once again. And for this, we are grateful.

To commemorate Don, the family will host a celebration of life, remembrance, and thanksgiving at the family residence in June. (More information to follow)

The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind acts, words, thoughts, and prayers.

The Family of Don Starr

# Tribute Wall

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Donald Wayne Starr - April 20, 2022 at 05:25 AM

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“Dad, thank you for making me the man I am today. I could have not be this far without your help support and love, you gave me my moral compass and my work ethic you always supported us and me at some of my hardest moments in life you and mom were there no one else. You have helped me so much even in my career what kid can say they drove a tractor at 3 cutting grass on an old cub cadet I remember the big tractor you were so very patient with me I felt like a million bucks when I was driving. I remember are country store trips getting hot sausage and a drink. When we would go to klines and watch the planes take off I remember re-roping the boiler with you in Arlington I remember so much. I remember when I used every roll of duct tape in the garage and made like winners tape out of them I also remember I won the kite contest at school you did not get me 100' of string you got me 5000' I Remember me and Mrs Foley could not get it down lol we tried we could not get it back down but mine went the highest. I was very hard headed as we all know, dad caught me using the chain saw he did not get mad but but showed me the right way to use it I remember going to the car shows in manassas and in Carlisle how fun they were and are breakfast stop on the way I will miss them but I know you are no longer suffering and in heaven with my brother Cody you are ounce again the strong father taking care of the rest of the family that I knew could pick up and throw an I-beam you could beat any other dad lol my dad was so strong to me when I was growing up he did so many amazing things and showed me how it works and to make it welding Electricity etc. it amazed me as a boy and as a man still today I remember when they put the Easter stuff on the picnic table one year and the Santa clause tracks from the fire place. Driving big wheels in the basement and dad put obstacles for us and Franki being the banker so many good memories, the reason why these pictures mean so much to me is this was a wonderful family time we were all together as one we had fun played we were complete. I will always remember those days and then life happens. I love and miss you I'm glad you are you again.  
Love your Son.

*Donald Wayne Starr*

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**Donald Wayne Starr** - April 20, 2022 at 05:22 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Franki** - April 19, 2022 at 09:41 AM

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**Franki** - April 18, 2022 at 10:54 PM

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**Laura Rheault** - April 18, 2022 at 07:40 PM

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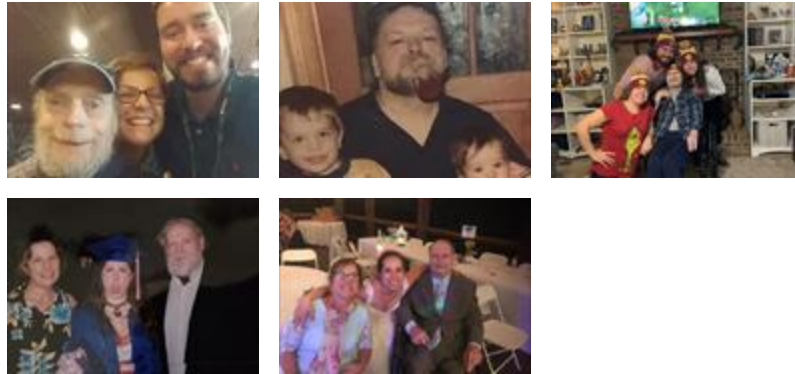
“ I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a good man. He worked hard for his family and loved his family so much. He had a great sense of humor and loved to pull a joke on you. I know he will be missed greatly. Sending lots of love and hugs to the family. I will miss him too.

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**Debbie Smith** - April 18, 2022 at 07:38 PM

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“ I love you always daddy. Thank you for making us Starr's.



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**Loren** - April 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM