



John Richard Starnes

December 31, 1933 - September 21, 2016

John Richard Starnes passed away on September 21, 2016.

Richard was born December 31, 1933. He graduated from Gulfport High School and joined the United States Marine Corp. He served as a Presidential White House guard for Eisenhower from 1953 – 1956. After leaving the Marine Corp, he returned to Hattiesburg and married Lou Ann Smith Starnes and they had two daughters, Debra and Lori. They moved to Laurel where he worked for National Food Store, and then in 1958 he went to work at Christian Auto as a mechanic. In 1964 he began to work for Halliburton, where he started as a mechanic and later moved to the Frac department. He retired from Halliburton in 1988. He was an avid hunter, trained walker hounds and loved auto racing. Richard served as a crew member for many local race teams in motorsports. He was lovingly called “Pop” by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Price Paul Starnes, Velma Starnes Hatten and James F. (Red) Hatten, and his brother Lane E. Hatten.

He is survived by his wife Lou Ann Smith Starnes, daughters Debra Starnes Burgess (Kelle) and Lori Starnes, granddaughters Victoria (Tori) Mozingo Kepley and Mallory Hathorn Giovengo (Brandon), great grandchildren J. J. Kepley, Tatum Kepley and Abree Giovengo, and sister Velma Hatten Spalding.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *My Dear Lou Ann & Family,
How sad to hear that Richard / Pop has passed. You two were a Wonderful couple; I know there are many Wonderful memories that will be of Great help to All of you. He was a Great man and I am sure he will be So Very Missed by All of you and Friends as well.*

His history is a Lot to be Proud of. Wishing I lived near and could be with you, at this time. Please know that you All are in my thoughts and Prayers. May God Be With Each of YOU.

*Much Love,
Dot Thomas Rea*

Dot Thomas Rea - October 14, 2016 at 09:22 PM

TS

“ *Dear LouAnn and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Richards passing. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all. Wish I could be there for you ,but know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Love Terry Dreyfus Schwartz .

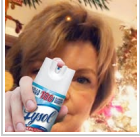
Terry D. Schwartz - September 25, 2016 at 03:38 PM

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“ *Prayers to you all. May God comfort you each as only He can during this time.*

Susan Wells Hedgepeth

susan hedgepeth - September 24, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

Trish Knight - September 23, 2016 at 08:55 AM

DK

“ *Lori, I am so sorry for the loss of your daddy. I know your grief and emptiness. I am praying for comfort and grace as you face these days. Please give Mallory and Debra my deepest sympathy. I love you.*

Deborah

Deborah Knight - September 23, 2016 at 04:24 AM

CC

“ *Debra and family,
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Connie Clark

Connie Clark - September 22, 2016 at 01:21 PM