



Mr. Billy Ray Starks

January 6, 1940 - January 20, 2020

Billy Ray Starks, 79, passed away January 20, 2020. He was born February 6, 1940 to Homer and Viola Rheidar Starks of Crocketts Bluff, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Richard Brent, brothers J.L. and J.B. Starks, sisters Lois Mannis and Joyce Wheatley. Survivors are his wife Barbara Wallace Starks, who he married August 28, 1965; son Kenneth Ray; brothers Leon, Ralph, Charles, and Stevie; and sister Lynda Starks.

Billy retired from the City of Stuttgart, where he was the City Parks Director. He was an avid duck hunter and operated the B & K Guide Service for over 50 years. He hand manufactured the Starks Rebel Duck Call from his shop for approximately 52 years. His calls won both state and world titles. His calls were sold throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Billy was a 32nd Degree Mason and had previously served as Worshipful Master at the Stuttgart Lodge. He was a member of both the Stuttgart and DeWitt Lodges.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 24, 2020 at Crocketts Bluff Missionary Baptist Church. A Masonic burial will follow in the Crocketts Bluff Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital or a charity of the donors choice.

Cemetery Details

Crocketts Bluff Cemetry

Crocketts Bluff, AR 72038

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crocketts Bluff Missionary Baptist Church
Crocketts Bluff, AR

Tribute Wall

VC

“ *Linda Jean, Charles and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Vickie Carter
Spring Hill, Florida*



Vickie Carter - January 23, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Ray Starks.*



January 23, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy Ray Starks.*



January 23, 2020 at 02:41 PM

AM

“ *Anita McCarty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy Ray Starks*



Anita McCarty - January 22, 2020 at 01:46 PM

SC

“ *So sorry to her about Billy Ray, and my prayers are with you all! I love the Starks family and had so many memories with Mr Homer! He welcomed Billy Ray home, along with Mrs Starks, Lois, Joyce, and JB. I pray for comfort and understanding at this difficult time!*

Sandra and Larry Childers - January 22, 2020 at 12:14 PM

LR

“ *Condolences to Bobbie and family. Our prayers are with you Lynton Roswell*

Lynton Roswell - January 21, 2020 at 09:14 PM

JA

I have fond memories of child hood friend Billie Ray. Condolences to Leon and the rest of Billie's family.

Jean Almond - January 22, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear about Billy. He was a pleasure to be around hunting or just talking to. He taught a lot of people how to make a duck call bark and how to pet the ducks with the call. I'm going to miss our calls and visits. Kent Bowman*

KENT J BOWMAN - January 21, 2020 at 07:15 PM

LS

“ *Billy your life was so full of adventure , I remember how much you loved your cars. Billy you will be missed and I love you 🙏 your baby sister Lynda RIP 🙏*

Lynda Starks - January 21, 2020 at 05:53 PM

BP

It was with great sadness that I learned of Billy's passing, please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Bonnie Patton - January 22, 2020 at 03:05 PM