

FOREVER LOVED...



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Heaven



Forever In Our Hearts

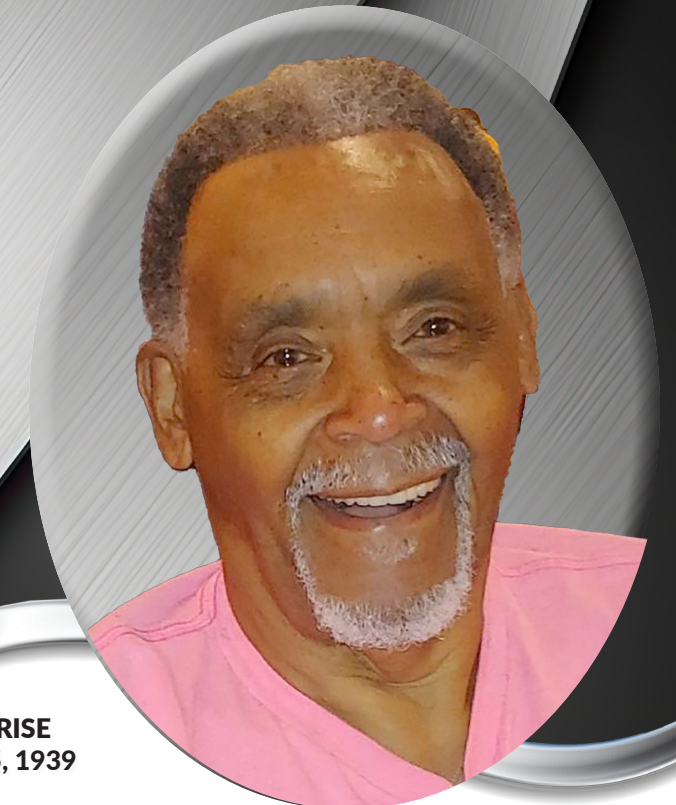
*Husband, father, grandfather, friend
Brother and family member, you showed
up time and time again
Bringing old stories, laughter, and gospel songs
You enjoyed holding court and invited all to come along
The more the merrier is what you would say
As gathering together was your favorite way
To show your love through food and hospitality
Making everyone around feel like family
We'll always remember how you shouted our names
When welcoming us home or calling us on the phone
You made sure we all knew that we were loved
And know you'll continue to do so from the heavens above
Through the years of wonderful memories,
you've gifted us all
We are eternally grateful and will ensure
your legacy stands tall
Sharing hugs, sweets, and ribs on the grill
As long as we live, we promise we will
You made it up the rough side of the mountain
And have exchanged your rugged cross for your crown
You've gone on to join the choir of angels
But in our hearts, you will always be around*

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Homegoing
CELEBRATION
Honoring the Life of



SUNRISE
Oct. 25, 1939

SUNSET
Oct. 4, 2023

Robert
EARL STARKE

Saturday, October 21, 2023 • 5:30 PM

NEW LIFE BIBLE CHURCH
1426 Hoke Loop Road • Fayetteville, NC 28314

Rev. Allen McLaughlin, Pastor

Order of Service

Meditational Prelude Musicians

Processional Ministers and Family

Selection New Life Voices

Reading of Scripture Old Testament (*Psalms*) Erica

Prayer of Celebration Minister Edwards

Selection New Life Voices

Special Tributes Family and Friends
2 Minutes Each Please

Obituary (Read Silently) Music/Slide Show

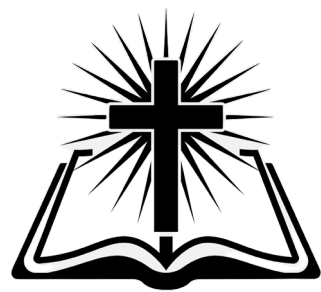
Reading of Poem/Song Erica

Eulogy Pastor McLaughlin

Military Honors U. S. Army

Recessional

· NO GRAVESIDE SERVICE ·



Acknowledgment

The family of ROBERT EARL STARKE wish to express our sincere gratitude and love shown to us during our time of sorrow and of all your comforting messages and kindness during this time. May God bless you all in a very special way.

Robert's Life...

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but onto all of them also that love his appearing.

II TIMOTHY 4:7-8

MR. ROBERT EARL STARKE was born in Liberty, TN, on October 25, 1939, to the late Horace and Francis Starks. He went on to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at FirstHealth Hospice House in West End, NC.

On May 14, 1970, he married his beloved Johnice Price in Aberdeen, MD. During their 52-year marriage, they traveled extensively around the country and internationally, raising their three daughters. In 2011, he was united with his son and his family and spent the last 12 years getting to know each other and enjoying time together.

Affectionately known by many names, *Rob, Earl, Robert Earl, and Starke*, he was notably called “*Moo-Moo*” by his adoring grandchildren. He served in the United States Army for nearly 30 years and was a proud Purple Heart Veteran. He served three tours in Germany, two tours in Vietnam, and had duty stations at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Gordon, GA; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Hamilton, NY; and Fort Bragg, NC, where he retired in 1989. His exceptional work ethic, which has been passed down to his children and grandchildren, garnered him much recognition throughout his career. He was a hard-working, outgoing, lovable person who enjoyed listening to and particularly singing spirituals – whether in a gospel choir or in line at the grocery store! At any given moment, he would break out in a song by the Five Blind Boys or the Jackson Southernaires. We are so excited that he has joined the heavenly choir of angels!

ROB loved to do so many things. He loved to hunt and fish with a couple of his long-time buddies, Roy Turner and

Vince Jefferson. He loved a good cookout filled with food and fellowship, particularly the annual gathering he always looked forward to with his MOD crew, many of whom considered him a mentor. He loved playing cards, and if he were winning, he would laugh and trash-talk like nobody's business! He thoroughly enjoyed cooking for his family, especially Barbequed ribs, collard greens, and, on some occasions, venison. Trust and believe, if you did partake, he would ask, “*That's good, ain't it?*” He loved his friends, many of whom have been in his life and heart for decades. We are so very grateful for the reciprocated love and kindness you've all shown him and his family over the years.

Most of all, Rob adored his family, and the feeling was certainly mutual. The exaggerated stories, practical jokes, homemade ice cream, station wagon vacations, Halloween shenanigans, strawberry, pecan, and grape picking trips, countless laugh-out-loud moments, family meals, holiday gatherings, Father's Day celebrations, love, support, encouragement, and his sheer presence as the patriarch of our family will forever remain in our hearts allowing us to carry him wherever we go. He was and will always be a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend – to the end.

ROB leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Johnice Starke; his sister, Francis Starks, three daughters, Erica Starke-Knight (Herman), Tameika Starke-Lawrence (Tyler), and Sharlice Powell (David); and one son, Bobby Parker. He also leaves his adoring grandchildren, DeShaun, Shanyia, Miles, Tyler, Jackson, William, Andrew, Alexis and Ashley, his cousins, the Vantrese and Lee families, and a host of lifelong friends.

His parents, Horace and Francis Starks, preceded him in death, and his two brothers, Jimmy and Horace Edward Starks.

