



R J Starlin

September 7, 1944 - February 10, 2019

R J Starlin, age 74, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital in the care of Munson Hospice after a 4 ½ year long struggle with Hairy Cell Leukemia.

He was born to Wallace and Gurley (Freese) Starlin on September 7, 1944 in Dr. Tornberg's office on Cass Street in Cadillac.

He graduated from McBain Public High School in 1962 and worked his entire career as a truck driver, retiring in 2009. He married the former Clorinda King on June 21, 55 years ago. He was a loving, caring and dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was known for his quick wit and sarcastic humor. He made everyone he came in contact with smile. RJ will be missed dearly by many.

RJ loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and always looked forward to, and enjoyed, his many hunting trips "out West" with his good friends and hunting buddies; Dale, Greg, Frank, Nate, Dave and Carol Haskins, Peter and Johanna Miller and families. He enjoyed gardening and loading shells in his "gun room". He spent many happy times snowmobiling and motorcycling in his younger years. He was a member of the Cadillac snowmobile group that qualified to race at the I-500 at Sault Ste. Marie. He spent many happy times with friends and neighbors at the summer retreat at

Hogback Lake in Leroy.

He is survived by his wife Clorinda; their children: Robert (Dr. Helane Folske) Starlin of Conception Junction, MO, Scott Starlin and Jessica (William) Starlin-Ronan all of Cadillac; grandson, Robert (Kim Mathis) Starlin; granddaughter, Clorinda Eileen Ronan; a grandchild due in July; great-grandson, Owen Anthony Starlin; father-in-law, Richard T. King of Manton; brother, Michael (April) Starlin of McBain; sister, Wanetta Gibbons of Farwell; in-laws: Connie Starlin of Cedar Springs, Bill (Sandie) King, Hazel Holly (Mike Hunt) of Cadillac, Kevin (Gena) King of East Jordan and many beloved nieces, nephews and special friends.

R J was preceded in death by an infant son, Brian; his parents; mother-in-law, Ardith King and siblings: Bobby, Marshal, Milan and Ruby.

There are no words to express the gratitude and affection he and his family have for his oncologist, Dr, Robert Schwert and the entire staff at Munson Hospital- Cadillac Infusion Center, who became a part of his family the last 4 ½ years.

We would additionally like to thank the Ebels family in Falmouth, Pastor Brian Farmer and our friends and family at Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene, friends at the Marion Rod and Gun Club, including Bob Markwart, Dennis and Jan Stoll and everyone for their prayers, thoughts and kindness.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Shriner's Children Hospital or Munson Hospice of Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Clorinda, we are so sorry to hear about RJ. He was a sweet man and we know your whole family is grieving his loss. We know he was strong to the end and your support made all the difference to his battle. We send our love and prayers to you and your family.*

Walter and Clara Ziervogel - February 13, 2019 at 11:29 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family at this time God gained another angel rest in peace and God bless you all* ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠

Tammy McNamara - February 13, 2019 at 09:07 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. I will continue to keep you all in prayers during this difficult time.
God Bless*

Bridgett - February 13, 2019 at 05:16 AM

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“ Bob and Family, I just wanted to share with you a story from my childhood about your Father. I came over to your house with Bob when i think we were 14-15 years old. RJ scared me at first, much like my father user to do with new people. But over the next few hours it turned from fear to awe. He was a man's-man. It was a lasting impact on me. Over the years I have thought about him and remembered the spirit that he had and the determination. Plus the ability to strike fear into young men that goof offs. Thank you Bob for letting me experience that so many years ago and i pray that that you are all blessed and encouraged having a father that was impactful and in his way inspirational.

Tim Dewey - February 12, 2019 at 08:43 AM

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“ Clorinda and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Am so thankful you had so many years together and raised a great family. Blessings and Peace.

ELSIE MOORE - February 12, 2019 at 07:50 AM